



FAITH

Special Events

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN INQUIRERS CLASS – Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

Rev. Bruce Cameron leads this class for those who are curious about the Presbyterian Church.

MONTHLY GOSPEL SING-ALONG – Friday, March 13 from 6:30 – 8 p.m.

The Old Time Gospel Fellowship Church hosts a monthly gospel sing-along on the second Friday night each month. It includes group singing and music specials. If you have an instrument to play or you want to sing a special, call Berneda McDonald at 541-942-3773 or Sandra Brown at 541-942-9129.

METHODIST LENTEN SERMON SERIES – Sundays at 10 a.m. through March 29

Pastor Jerry Steele offers a sermon series “Facing Fear.” The church is located at 334 Washington Ave.

TRINITY LUTHERAN LENTEN OBSERVANCES – Wednesdays through April 1 at 7 p.m.

“The Body of Christ” is this year’s Lenten theme at Trinity Lutheran Church. Lent is the season before Easter to remember Jesus’ passion and death. This six-week series considers seriously our Lord’s humanity, the human body in which he wrought our salvation. Week by week, the congregation will focus on a different aspect of Christ’s body: feet, eyes, hands, mouth, ears and heart. The weekly services offer a soup supper at 6 p.m. with the service at 7 p.m. All are invited. Trinity Lutheran is “the brown church” located on the corner of 6th and Quincy. Call 541-942-2373 for more info.

ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH LENTEN SERVICES – Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. through March 25

A Stations of the Cross observance is offered to the community on Wednesdays during the Lenten Season. On Sunday, Mar 8 the Rt. Rev. Michael J. Hanley, Episcopal Bishop of Oregon, will preside and preach at the 10:30 service. The church is located at 1301 W. Main St.

BODY, MIND, SPIRIT and SOUL CLOTHING GIVEAWAY – Saturday, March 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Riverside Women and Stonecroft.org invite women to participate in this inspirational event. A panel of women in different stages of their life share how their anchor through it all was Jesus Christ. There will be a light brunch of yogurt, quiche, fruit, coffee and tea. The event concludes at 1 p.m. with a free clothing giveaway of clothing, shoes, belts, purses and jewelry. (No kid’s or men’s clothing will be available.) If anyone would like to donate women’s clothing for the giveaway, please mark the size on the item and bring it to the Riverside Community Church at 1255 S. River Rd. For additional information contact Pastor Sue Haberly at 541-942-7126 ext. 18

Seventh-Day Adventists have a long history in Cottage Grove

BY CINDY WEELDREYER
Sentinel Faith Page Editor

The reader board in front of Cottage Grove’s Seventh-Day Adventist Church [SDA] across from Harrison School is a familiar one featuring encouraging words for a fast-paced society. Its Community Service Center has provisioned many families since it began just after World War II ended. The Center reflects church emphasis on honoring God, blessing others, a commitment to healthy eating and the prevention of hunger.

A Canyonville native, Pastor Kevin Miller and his family relocated here from Montana in October of 2010. He serves both the Cottage Grove and Yoncalla churches on alternating Saturdays. As a former Eugene pastor, his familiarity with the community was merely the McDonalds and Walmart.

“We love living in Cottage Grove,” Miller said. “Our town is blessed with friendly caring people and with a wide variety of family-friendly events and activities to enjoy.”

A Protestant, Christian denomination, the Seventh-day Adventist Church grew out of the world-wide religious revival in the mid-19th century. People of many religious persuasions believed Bible prophecies indicated the second coming or advent of Christ was imminent. When Christ did not come in the 1840s, a group of disappointed American Adventists continued their Bible studies and concluded they misinterpreted prophetic events and the second coming of Christ was still in the future. The Church organized formally in 1863 and began its mission to the world.

“We view the Sabbath not as a law



photo by Cindy Weeldreyer

Since 2010, Pastor Kevin Miller has served both the Cottage Grove and Yoncalla Adventist Churches with the support of his wife Carrie and son Wyatt.

to be observed but a gift to be experienced. It’s more than a physical rest; it involves the whole person. There is a connection between Creation and Christ’s redemption that is found from Genesis to Revelation,” Miller said. “We believe we are saved by grace through Christ, not by our works.”

Education that includes Biblical instruction has been a hallmark for Adventists with families sacrificing to send their children to private Adventist schools. With more than 7,800 schools worldwide, the church operates the second-largest global school system.

The local history book, “Golden Was The Past,” records Adventist pioneers arriving here in 1887 from Minnesota and establishing the Royal Academy in the Silk Creek Valley.

The 12-grade academy attracted students from as far away as Washington and Idaho. Deep mud made traveling difficult for much of the year. This led to the construction of the Victorian-era church on the corner of West Main and South ‘M’ Streets.

Adventists experienced growing pains in the 1950s. In March of 1950, the two congregations merged and built the current building at 820 South 10th Street. Their Main Street building was sold to the Episcopalians, who continue to worship there.

On Sept. 14, 1950, a new school opened on North River Road with 26 students. Today that building is home to the Great Days Learning Center. Since the closure of their school, local Adventists students now travel to Pleasant Hill to attend Emerald Chris-

tian Academy.

Adventists accept the Bible as the only source of their belief. The observance of the Seventh-Day Sabbath, and a respect for the teachings of an early church leader, Ellen White, have led some to label the denomination a cult. Miller noted the Sabbath message on the I-5 billboard south of Eugene has no connection to local Adventist churches.

“In the mid-1800s, Joseph Bates first introduced James and Ellen White to a Seventh-Day Sabbath and an emphasis on maintaining a healthy spiritual and physical lifestyle,” Miller explained. “Ellen White preferred to be called a messenger of God, not a prophet, and was clear that Scripture stands alone as the authority by which everyone’s works will be judged. Cults follow one leader. In our history we have group of individuals who carefully studied the Scriptures and shaped the beliefs of our church.”

Sabbath School begins at 9:20 a.m. on Saturday followed by worship at 10:45 a.m. Bible study is important to Adventists. A home group meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. to share a meal and study. On Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. the church hosts a soup and salad lunch followed by a Bible Study. Special events include concerts and guest speakers, an Eager Beaver Club for children 5-8-years old, and clothing and food giveaways.

For additional information on local church activities call 541-942-5213 or visit Cottage Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church on Facebook. To learn more about the principles and worldwide activities of the Adventists visit <http://www.adventist.org/>.

ONGOING EVENTS

CHURCH-SPONSORED COMMUNITY DINNERS

Mondays – United Methodist Church at 5 p.m.

Tuesdays – Trinity Lutheran Church at 5 p.m.

Wednesdays – Covered Bridge Church of The Nazarene at 6 p.m.

Thursdays – Trinity Lutheran Church at 5 p.m.

Fridays – Church of Christ Sixth & Gibbs at 5 p.m.

Saturdays – Church of Christ Sixth & Gibbs at 5 p.m.

BAHA’I FAITH TEA AND PRAYERS

Local gatherings are hosted by members of the Baha’i Faith in selected Cottage Grove sites and neighborhood homes. For additional information about the Baha’i Community call Jacqueline at 541-556-1286 or Brenda at 541-514-9607. To hear a daily recorded uplifting Baha’i verse

call 541-531-8449.

CHURCH OF CHRIST (SIXTH AND GIBBS) YOUTH GROUP MEETING – Sundays 6-8 p.m.

Middle and High School students meet on Sunday evenings to have fun while growing their faith and deepening their relationship with Christ. For more information call 541-942-3822.

WEEKDAY MORNING COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY – Monday-Tuesday at 8:15 a.m.

The Cottage Grove United Methodist Church offers a community Bible study two days a week. On Monday mornings enjoy coffee or tea for a 90-minute time of devotional Bible study and discussion. On Tuesday mornings Pastor Jerry Steele shows a video and leads a “Faith Talk.” For more information call 541-942-3033.

AWANA CLUB MEETINGS - Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

AWANA is a weekly Christian education program for ages three through high school. Hosted by the Cottage Grove Bible Church, the group meets weekly during the school year. The cost includes the purchase of handbooks and uniforms and dues are 75 cents per week. More information can be found on the church website: www.cgibible.org.

LIVING FAITH YOUTH PROGRAMS – Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Living Faith Assembly’s Youth Ablaze program offers mid-week activities for middle and high school students year-round. An optional dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. with youth activities starting at 6:30 p.m. with separate breakout sessions for middle/high school students and first through fifth grade students. The church is located

on the corner of South 10th Street and Monroe Avenue. For additional information call 541-942-2612

WEEKLY WORSHIP DIRECTORY

The Sentinel prints a weekly worship directory to provide greater awareness of the diversity of our local faith community. If you want your specific information available to Sentinel readers each week, please call 942-3325 for more information. [If you have a listing please verify the weekly information is current.]

DEADLINE FOR MARCH FAITH PAGE

The deadline for the next monthly Faith Page is Thursday, March 19 at noon. Drop off information to the Sentinel office or email it to weeldreyer@aol.com.

Worship Directory



6th & Gibbs Church of Christ

195 N. 6th St. • 541-942-3822
Pastor: Aaron Earlywine
Youth & Families Pastor: Seth Bailey
Services: 9am and 10:30am
Christian Education
Nursery for pre-k - 3rd Grade
www.6thandgibbs.com

Calvary Baptist Church

77873 S 6th St • 541-942-4290
Pastor: Riley Hendricks
Sunday School: 9:45am
Worship: 11:00am
The Journey: Sunday 5:00pm
Praying Thru Life: Wednesday 6:00pm

Calvary Chapel Cottage Grove

522 E Whitaker • 541-942-6842
Pastor: Jeff Smith
Two Services on Sun: 9am & 10:45am
Wednesday Service 6:45 pm
Child Care 10:45am Service Only
Youth Group Bible Study:
Wed. 6:45 pm & Sat. 6 pm
www.cgcalvary.org

Center for Spiritual Living Cottage Grove

700 Gibbs Ave (Community Center)
Rev. Bobby Lee
Meets Sunday 3:00 p.m.
Info: 541-767-0182 (Mrs. “T”)

Church of Christ

420 Monroe St • 541-942-8565
Sunday Service: 10:30am

Cottage Grove Bible Church

1200 East Quincy Avenue
541-942-4771
Pastor: Bob Singer
Worship 8:30am, 11am
Sunday School: 9:45am
Youth Group Mondays 6:30pm
AWANA age 3-8th Grade,
Wednesdays Sept-May, 6:30pm
www.cgibible.org

Cottage Grove Faith Center

33761 Row River Rd. • 541-942-4851
Lead Pastor: Isaac Hovet
www.cg4.tv
Sunday Service: 9am and 11am
Full Children’s Ministry available

Delight Valley

Church of Christ
33087 Saginaw Rd. East
541-942-7711
Pastor: Bob Friend
Two Services:
9am - Classic in the Chapel
10:30am - Contemporary in the Auditorium

First Baptist Church

301 S 6th St 541-942-8242
Pastor: Steve Johnson
Sunday School: 9:30am
Worship: 11:00am
Come Worship with us

First Presbyterian Church

3rd and Adams St • 541-942-4479
Pastor: Rev. Bruce Cameron
Worship: 10:00am
Sunday School: 10:00am
www.cgpresbynews.com

Hope Fellowship

United Pentecostal Church
100 S. Gateway Blvd. • 541-942-2061
Pastor: Dave Bragg
Worship: 11:00am Sunday
Bible Study: 7:00pm Wednesday
www.hopefellowshipupc.com
“FINDING HOPE IN YOUR LIFE”

Living Faith Assembly

467 S. 10th St. • 541-942-2612
Pastor Rulon Combs
Sunday School All Ages 9am
Worship & Children’s
Church 10:30 am
“The Bridge” Saturday Evening Service
6:00pm
Youth ABLAZE: Wednesday 6:30pm
Children’s Breakout Class:
Wednesday 6:30pm

Non-Denominational Church of Christ

1041 Pennoyer Ave • 541-767-0447
Preachers: Tony Martin & Robert Evans
Sunday Bible Study: 10:00am
Sunday Worship: 10:50am & 5:30pm
www.pennoyeravecoc.com

Old Time Gospel Fellowship

103 S. 5th Street • 541-942-4999
Pastor: Herb Carson
Sunday Service: 10:00am
Sunday Bible Study: 6:00pm
We sing the old time hymns.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Philip Benizi

Catholic Churches
1025 N. 19th St.
541-942-3420 / 541-942-4712
Pastor: Roy L. Antunez, S.J.
Euch. Liturgies; Sat. 5:30pm
Sun. 10:30am
St. Philip Benizi, Creswell:
552 Holbrook Lane • 541-895-8686
Sunday: 8:30am

St. Andrews Episcopal Church

1301 W. Main • 541-767-9050
Rev. Lawrence Crumb
“Church with the flags.”
Worship: Sunday 10:30am
All Welcome

Seventh-day Adventist Church

820 South 10th Street
541-942-5213
Pastor: Kevin Miller
Bible Study: Saturday, 9:15 am
Worship Service: Saturday, 10:40 am
Mid-week Service: Wednesday, 6:45 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church

6th & Quincy • 541-942-2373
Pastor: James L. Markus
Sunday School &
Adult Education 9:15am
Sunday Worship 10:30am
Comm. Kitchen Free Meal Tue & Thur
5:00pm TLC Groups
trinitylutherancottagegrove.com

United Methodist Church

334 Washington • 541-942-3033
Pastor: Jerry Steele
Worship: 10:00am
Adult & Sunday School: 9:00am
Comm. Dinner (Adults \$3, Kids Free)
Mon. 5-6:30pm
cottagegroveumc.org

“VICTORY” Country Church

Community Center Shepherd Room
700 East Gibbs • 541-942-5913
Pastor: Barbara Dockery
Worship Service: 10:00am
Message: 11:00am
“WE BELIEVE IN MIRACLES”

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