

BIRTHS

March 7, 2015

To Lisa and John Parsons of Cottage Grove, a son.

March 8, 2015

To Karen Martens and Samuel Benson of Dorena, a son.

March 11, 2015

To Tanelle and Daniel Azzato of Creswell, a daughter.

To Courtney and Jason Palmer of Cottage Grove, a son.

To Alecia Schneider and Dylan Johnson of Creswell, a daughter.

March 14, 2015

To Meghann Mosco and Douglas Elliot of Drain, a son.

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IN MEMORIAM

Galen Nelson Farnsworth 1930-2015

Beloved father and minister of Christ Galen Nelson Farnsworth, age 84, passed away March 4, 2015. He was born on April 4, 1930 in Grant City, Mo. to Zella and Fred Farnsworth.

He was married to the love of his life, DeLores Jeanne Farnsworth, for 59 years until her passing in March 2014. They had eight



children: Timothy, Donald, Dale, Paul, Valerie, Carolyn, Judi and son Kenneth, who passed away at age 32; 23 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother, Claire.

Galen was a minister for over 50 years and remained faithful and devoted to God. He was also a man of many artistic tal-

ents including singing, playing the guitar, woodworking and painting.

A memorial service for Galen will be held at Garden Way Church of Christ in Eugene, Oregon on March 21, 2015 at 2 p.m.

Arrangements under the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove.

MOVING UP HIGHER with *Joyce Meyer*



One of the names of God is Jehovah Jireh, which means "the Lord our provider" or "the Lord will provide." It's so wonderful to know that God is our source for everything we need and He cares about everything we care about. There's no need so small that He doesn't know about it, and nothing too big that He can't provide for us.

He is omniscient (all knowing), omnipresent (everywhere, all the time), and omnipotent (all powerful). (See Jeremiah 42:11 AMP.)

The Bible says He's...

Our shelter, refuge and hiding place (Psalm 91)

The one who comforts us (2 Corinthians 1:3)

Our healer (Psalm 103:3) The source of wisdom (James 1:5)

And everything else we need!

The Lord is your Provider. He loves you and He has a good plan for your life. He wants to bless you so you can fulfill His plan and purpose...so you can really enjoy your life. And in His Word, He tells us who He is and how we can access everything we need through Christ.

The problem is, sometimes we miss out on what God wants to do in our lives because we go to people, expecting them to give us what we need, instead of God. Now, God will work through the people He puts in our lives to help us, but we need to go to Him first and let Him determine the best way to meet our needs.

Philippians 4:19 (AMP) says, "And my God will liberally supply (fill to the full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." This verse clearly tells us that God wants to meet our "every need...in Christ Jesus." But we can't just take this one scripture and expect to have everything we need without reading it in the context of the whole Bible.

The great provider

right place. Our relationship with God needs to be our number one priority all the time, because everything we need is found in Him. When we seek God to know Him more and to learn the right way to live, then we can have confidence that He will take care of everything that concerns us and meet all of our needs.

I've found that when I spend more time seeking God's face and not His hand—what He can give me and do for me—then my desires and thoughts line up more with His will. And when I spend more time praying for God to show me how to walk

in love and treat people right, I'm more likely to want what God has for me—what's best for me—because my mind and heart are set on the right things.

Hebrews 11:6 (AMP) says, "Whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He is

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From the Family of Justin Simons

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Cottage Grove and surrounding communities for the overwhelming support and prayers that you all have shown our family in our time of loss. The loss of our Justin is a huge hole to fill but with all of the love and prayers surrounding us, it has made the everyday troubles a little less stressful. You folks have touched our hearts in ways we cannot explain. All we have to offer is our heartfelt thank you and a huge "we will hug ya later".

Thank you,
The Family of
Justin C. Simons



Roger L. Kephart 1950-2015

Roger L. Kephart, 64, of La Pine, Oregon passed away Feb. 28, 2015 from COPD.

He was born Sept. 21, 1950 in Murphy, N.C. to Verlon Kephart and Iva Lee (Allen) Miller.

He attended Cottage Grove High School and worked in logging and a mill as a truck driver.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping, and being with his family and friends.

Survivors include his partner, Ernestine Castor Wiggett, a daughter, Michelle Smetana of Campbellsport, Wisc., two sons, Roger Kephart and Kerry Kephart, both of Cottage Grove, two brothers, Verlon Kephart of Crescent, Ore. and Rick Kephart of Culp Creek, Ore., a grandson, Joshua Kephart and a granddaughter, Jordan Kephart.

A private inurnment and family memorial will be held at a later date. Arrangements under the care of Autumn Funerals, Bend.

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