



FAITH

Calvary Chapel celebrates 16 years and a new location

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Easter Sunday is a special day for Christians worldwide, and for members of Calvary Chapel Cottage Grove, it has an added significance. On 'Resurrection' Sunday in 1999, Calvary Chapel Cottage Grove [CCCG] began welcoming Christ-seekers under the leadership of Pastor Jeff Smith in the former Lane Community College building on Fifth and Washington. There were 25 people in that Easter Sunday service, a mix of local residents and supporters from his home church.

Smith was sent by Pastor Jon Courson from the Applegate Christian Fellowship in Jacksonville, Ore. to plant a church here. In the last 15 years, CCCG has now planted Calvary's in four more Oregon communities: Burns, Elkton, LaPine and Lebanon.

Through the years, as membership grew, the congregation relocated several times. In 2002, it moved into its current location at 522 E. Whiteaker Ave. The building was originally the Smith Funeral Chapel. After it closed and merged into today's Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, the building was partitioned into sections. Some former tenants included the "Steps of Faith" bookstore and the Cottage Grove Garbage Service. Eventually, CCCG grew into the entire facility and still needed more room.

The existing sanctuary's maximum seating is 160, which divides the members into two Sunday morning services at 9:30 and 10:45. When filled to capacity, members say the low ceiling makes the room stuffy and con-



photo by Cindy Weeldreyer

Pastor Jeff Smith stands in Calvary Chapel's new sanctuary in the Village Shopping Center's former movie theater. The expected occupancy day is Sunday, May 3.

fining. Another limiting factor is the lack of onsite parking and more room for children's classrooms.

To alleviate these restrictions other locations were explored.

In January, 2014, Campbell Property Management of Eugene (the Village Shopping Center's new owners) contacted Smith and invited the church to move into the former movie theater and Plaza Cleaners building. The lease contract was signed last August and renovation work began in September.

According to Smith the new location feels bigger, but it's really not.

"Our current location has lots of wasted hallway space connecting each area," he noted. "In the new building every square inch is maximized to create an

independent kids' wing, offices and bigger bathrooms. The new sanctuary offers spacious square footage with 18-foot ceilings, improved lighting and sound, and will seat about 250 people."

"Our recent growth will still require two services -- and that's a good problem to have. We're especially happy to now have adequate parking for them," Smith added.

Church member Kyle Kishen serves as the project's general contractor. The church portion of the renovation costs are expected to reach \$150,000-\$200,000. Campbell paid for the big-ticket items: fire sprinklers, a brand new roof, a new heating/ventilation system and offered 18 months of free rent.

"It's been an exciting adventure for all of us," Smith said.

"Gifted church members have volunteered close to 700 labor hours for a savings of \$35,000 in labor costs. They've knocked out walls, put up new walls and doorways, added a wood and stone theme and used a whole lot of paint."

The theater's former lobby serves as the main office and the former Plaza Cleaners is now the Children's wing. Artist Amanda Hinkle, who leads the Children's Program, has painted the walls in bright colors featuring Scripture verses. In the sanctuary, the stage is along the north wall. The building's south side includes the main entrance, a spacious lobby, a coffee bar — and plenty of onsite parking.

Each summer, CCCG holds monthly outdoor services in Coiner Park to worship together, to share the good news and offer baptisms and to feed anyone who comes. The original goal was to hold the first worship service in the new building on Easter Sunday and celebrate the church's 16th anniversary. The new date for occupancy is now May 3.

"Prayer and patience have played a key role in guiding us here, and we will get in there when the time is right," Smith said. "I want Calvary Chapel to be a place for all people to come and allow Jesus Christ to change them from the inside out. Our focus is to simply teach The Bible simply from generation to generation to train and provide a deeper understanding of the whole of Scripture and to see evidence of Jesus Christ from Genesis to Revelation."

For additional information call the church office at 541-942-6842 or visit the church website: www.cgcalvary.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS!!!

ST. ANDREWS LENTEN SERVICE – Wednesday, March 25 at 5:30 p.m.

A Stations of The Cross observance is offered to the community tonight at 5:30 p.m. The church is located at 1301 W. Main St.

TLC HOSTS "MESSIAH IN THE PASS-OVER" – Wednesday, March 25 at 7 p.m.

Tonight, Trinity Lutheran Church presents "Messiah in The Passover." The event features a vivid and exciting demonstration showing how Jesus Christ fulfilled the ancient feast of Passover and helps the Jewish and Christian communities better understand their common heritage. The church is located on the corner of South Sixth and Quincy Avenue. For more info call 541-942-2373.

METHODIST EASTER EVENTS

This Sunday, March 29, Pastor Jerry Steele concludes his Lenten sermon series "Facing Fear" at the 10 a.m. worship service. On Thursday, April 2, the church presents a Maundy Thursday Service at 7 p.m. On Easter Sunday, April 5, the worship service features special music and Scripture readings. The church is located at 334 Washington Ave.

PRESBYTERIAN HOLY WEEK EVENTS

The community is invited to participate in the following Easter activities. The church is located on the corner of Adams Avenue and South Third Street. Palm Sunday Service on March 29 at 10 a.m. (with sustainably grown palm leaves) Good Friday Service on April 3 at 3 p.m. The service will be Taize-style with meditative music, prayers and scripture readings. Easter Sunday Worship Service on April 5 begins at 10 a.m. It is followed by an Easter Brunch at 11:15 and an Easter Egg Hunt in the church garden at 11:45.

CHURCH OF CHRIST ON GIBBS EASTER SERVICES

The community is invited to a

Good Friday Worship Night on April 3 at 7 p.m. Easter Sunday Services at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. that includes a breakfast meal for each service. The church is located on the corner of Sixth and Gibbs Avenue.

TRINITY LUTHERAN HOLY WEEK EVENTS

The community is invited to participate in the following Easter services at Trinity Lutheran Church, located on the corner of Quincy Avenue and South Sixth Street. Maundy Thursday Communion Service on April 2 at 7 p.m. Good Friday Service of Darkness on April 3 at 7:30 p.m. will conclude the 6-week Lenten Study of "The Body of Christ" Sunday Sunrise Service on April 5, at 6:47 a.m. Festival Service begins at 10:30 a.m.

COMMUNITY EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel hosts a community sunrise Easter service at the Fir Grove Cemetery at 7 a.m. The event features music and a message highlighting the significance of Jesus Christ's resurrection and His promised return to Earth. The cemetery is located on the west side of town just off W. Main Street. The event will be broadcast live on KNND-1400 AM.

CG FAITH CENTER OFFERS THREE EASTER SERVICES

Pastor Isaac Hovet and members of the Cottage Grove Faith Center invite the community to join them for one of their three services on Easter Sunday.

LUTHERANS HOST EMERGENCY AWARENESS COFFEE – Sunday, April 12 at 11:45 a.m.

The community is invited to come and learn about personal preparedness. Information will be distributed. Supplies will be displayed and a drawing will be held. Trinity Lutheran Church is the big brown church on the corner of South 6th Street and Quincy Avenue.

CHURCH BRIEFS

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.

MOTHERS OF PRE-SCHOOLERS [MOPS] - Second and fourth Thursday mornings

Calling all Moms... MOPS and MOPSNEXT meets twice a month at First Baptist Church from 9-11:15 a.m. to support moms with children from infancy to school age students. Child-care is provided. More information is available on Facebook under Cottage Grove MOPS or call 541-942-8242.

SUNDAY MORNING LIGHT WEEKLY RADIO PROGRAM

Each Sunday morning from 7-10 a.m. KNND 1400-AM provides three hours of inspi-

ration programming with a Christian world-view. All genres of Christian music are interspersed with community information, local church news, and devotional readings. Host Cindy Weeldreyer invites you to tune in and become part of KNND's Sunday Morning Light family. Listener line: 541-942-5548.

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 APRIL FAITH PAGE

The deadline for the next monthly Faith Page is Thursday, April 16 at noon. Drop off information to the Sentinel office or email it to weeldreyer@aol.com.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH @ 6:30PM
At the Riverside Church Community Church of God.
1255 South River Road
\$3 per person or \$10 for Family of 4 or more
Popcorn and Soda available for \$1 each

Worship Directory

WORSHIP WITH US

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.cgbible.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

Grove Community Church

77820 Mosby Creek Rd.
Cottage Grove, OR 97424
541-942-0123
Pastor: Bryan Parsons
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Nursery: Infant - Pre-K
Kid's Church: K to 5th grade

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.pennoyeravecc.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 Holbrock 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

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