



FAITH

SPECIAL EVENTS

MONTHLY GOSPEL SING-ALONG

– Friday, June 12 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.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Sunday, May 24: Meeting to select the next subject for the Adult Class Study begins at 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 7: Adult Class study begins at 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, Jun 11: Community Band rehearsals begin at 7 p.m. in the CG High School Band Room. The band is open to anyone who plays an instrument from students to senior citizens and attends the Thursday evenings practices.

Tuesday, June 23: Band and Vocal Camp for middle and high-school students begins and continues through July. A final concert is planned for July 31. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the church. Band Camp practices are from 9- 10:30 a.m. Vocal Camp practices are 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information, call Bob Dill at 541-946-1041 or Joanna Newton at 541-942-4550.

Friday, June 19 and Saturday, June 20: Church Relay Team participates in the South Lane Relay for Life event.

Sunday, June 28: During the coffee hour (approx. 11:15 a.m.), Alan Baas gives a presentation on the purpose and goals of a new community networking group, TEAM-Cottage Grove.

LIVING FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Today: Sign-up is underway for Vacation Bible School during the week of Aug. 10-14 from 9 a.m. to Noon at the church. Call 541-942-2612 for more information.

Saturday, May 30: Ladies Prayer Retreat at the Belknap Springs resort. Bus leaves the church at 10 a.m. Bring a sack lunch (if you choose not to fast), a Bible, notebook,

swimsuit or shorts and tee shirt for use in the pool. Please RSVP by calling 541-942-2612.

Saturday, June 13: Start of monthly free breakfasts for men and women. Men's Breakfast meets at the church 467 South Tenth St. at 8 a.m. The Laughter and Latte women's group meets at 9 a.m. at Jack Sprats in downtown Cottage Grove. Both groups cordially invite newcomers to town and those without a church to enjoy faith, food and fellowship.

Monday, June 1: Launch of new youth activities format to better meet the needs of today's youth. Youth 180 meets each Monday night beginning at 5 p.m. at the church. The restructured program is inspired by Isaiah 43-18-19.

Sunday, June 14: Pastor Rulon Combs takes the church on a Biblical journey, "Connecting People to Purpose." A free New Believers' Bible is provided to give as a gift to each participant's first disciple.

TRINITY ANNOUNCES SUMMER WORSHIP TIME CHANGE – Begins June 14

Sunday June 14: Trinity Lutheran Church begins its summer schedule on June 14. Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. with Adult Education Class starting at 10:45 a.m. The church is located on the corner of Sixth and Quincy.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PASTORAL TRANSITION UNDERWAY

Local Methodists announce a change in pastoral leadership in June.

June 14: Retiring Pastor Jerry Steele's last Sunday service includes Holy Communion.

June 21: Service features special music by the church chorale and the Mixed Blessings ensemble

June 28: Reflections of Love (a traveling evangelist couple) highlights the service.

July 5: Pastor Lura Kidner-Miesen preaches her first service.

Worship service begins at 10 a.m. all are welcome. The church is located at 334 Washington Ave. Call 541-942-3033 for info.

Honor Flight recipient recognized by church congregation

BY CINDY WEELDREYER
Sentinel Faith Page Editor

On Mother's Day members of the Church of Christ on Sixth and Gibbs honored 88-year-old Glen Bricker. He joined the church 70 years ago; just before he shipped out to the South Pacific in the brutal last year of World War II. This month he joined two other Cottage Grove war veterans on an Honor Flight to visit the war memorials in Washington, D.C.

According to Pastor Aaron Earlywine, "It was a good opportunity for us to recognize Glen for his service in WWII and the Korean War, as well as his seven decades as a respected and valued member of our church. During the service Raymond Bailey, a church elder, offered a prayer of thanks and blessing for Glen, who taught Sunday School for 32 of those years. He received a hearty standing ovation in both Sunday services."

Bricker was born on Dec. 23, 1926, in Trent, near Pleasant Hill. He recalled, "My mother always said I was the best Christmas present she ever got." His childhood was spent in Thurston until his family moved to Cottage Grove in 1943. He loved sports and lettered in basketball and baseball. As a Cottage Grove High School junior he met the love of his life, Lucille Eastburn.

He attended Eugene High School his senior year to spend afternoons studying radio communications at Eugene Vocational School and graduated on June 10, 1944. Six months later, on Dec. 22, he enlisted in the United States Navy as a radioman. Before he left he became a member of the Church of Christ on Gibbs.

"I'm a true blue American and I wanted to serve my country," Bricker

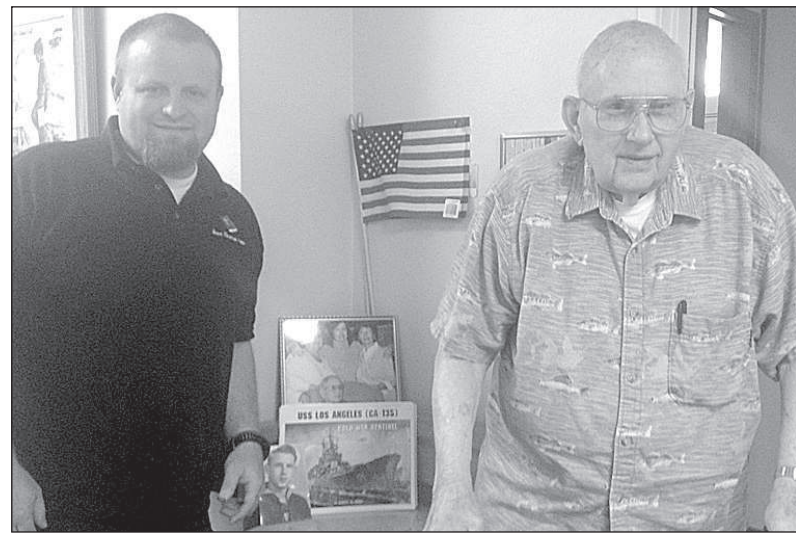


photo by Cindy Weeldreyer

Glen Bricker (right), a longtime member of the Church of Christ on Gibbs and a veteran of WW II and the Korean War, stands next to his pastor, Aaron Earlywine, the day before Bricker boarded an Honor Flight to Washington, DC.

er said. "Lucille and I spent a good deal of time talking about my decision to join the Navy. We were so in love we considered getting married before I shipped out. Because of the major battles going on in '44, I didn't figure on coming home."

He added, "We were both raised in the Christian Church. It was our faith in God and our hope of a promising future He planned for us that we decided to wait until I came home to get married. Thankfully, God had something for me to do because he sent me back from two wars."

Bricker became a cryptologist; serving 11 months on Guam handling coded messages in what would be the final and deadliest year for American troops fighting in the South Pacific. Lucille wrote him a letter every day during their separation. He received an honorable discharge in August 1946.

Upon returning home they mar-

ried on March 15, 1947 -- thus becoming the last couple married in the old church before it burned to the ground. He went to work as a sawyer in the heyday of the timber industry in Cottage Grove.

"In the 1950s the lumber business was booming here and there was a sawmill on every 40 (acres)," Bricker said. "I worked as a sawyer in local mills until the Navy recalled me to serve in the Korean War on the USS Los Angeles from 1950-1952. I got a good character reference from the Cottage Grove Police Chief, so the Navy returned me to my former assignment, sending and receiving top-secret coded messages among Navy stations and ships."

Upon his return to Cottage Grove he worked in the woods for Porter Brothers Logging Company for 17

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What a Beautiful Day!

Written by Glen Bricker
April 20, 2015

I got up real early to get ready for The Lord's Day, and go to church so I could hear all He has to say. Andy picked me up so I could get to church on time, everything was so beautiful and turned out just fine. I got to greet my many brothers and sisters in The Lord, as I eagerly awaited to hear His Word.

What a beautiful day!

The worship time was so great as we sang about The Lord, Then shared in communion time and listened to His Word. It's all about Jesus.

He died upon The Cross and took away our sin, a gift to remind us not to go back to our old ways again. Keep looking toward Jesus and always want to know more about Heaven and all that God has in store.

What a beautiful day!

Somewhere among us I heard a little baby cry. One day those babies will grow up in Jesus and never deny. Someday they'll know they were being prayed for, as they, too, come to believe all that God has in store.

What a beautiful day!

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

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.

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.

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.

SUNDAY MORNING LIGHT

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

ty 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 JUNE FAITH PAGE

The deadline for the next monthly Faith Page is Thursday, June 18 at noon. Drop off information to the Sentinel office or email it to weeldreyer@aol.com.

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.pennoyeravvecoc.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, 1:00 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 \$5, Kids Free)
Mon. 5-6:30pm
cottagegroveumc.org

"VICTORY" Country Church
913 S. 6th Street • 541-942-5913
Pastor: Barbara Dockery
Worship Service: 10:00am
Message: 11:00am
"WE BELIEVE IN MIRACLES"

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