



FAITH

Special events!

MOPS OPEN HOUSE AND RAFFLE FUNDRAISER – Today from 6-8 p.m. at Calvary Chapel

Come learn more about the local chapter of Mothers of Preschoolers and help support the program. Calvary Chapel is located at 1447 Hwy 99 in the Village Shopping Center. For more information visit Facebook: Cottage Grove MOPS.

SPECIAL FULL GOSPEL CHURCH SERVICE – Sunday, Aug. 30 at 11 a.m. at CG Community Center

Guest speaker Pastor Jairus Sathianathan speaks about the prophetic healing ministry of William Branham and living by every word of God in the CG Community Center Reception Hall. For more information call Dan Holt at 541-946-1445.

FREE MANIFEST CONCERT— Monday, Aug 31, 7 p.m. at Bohemia Park Amphitheater

Manifest, an award winning Christian Rock/Rap/HipHop artist, has toured internationally and performed at Billy Graham events. A Northwest Christian University-based band will open this youth outreach event, sponsored by Living Faith Assembly's Youth 180 program. Concessions will be available. For more information call 541-942-2612.

GRIEF RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP - Sundays from 2-4 p.m. (Sept. 13 – Nov. 15)

For those who have lost a loved one and are ready to begin a journey from mourning to joy, a new Grief Share support group begins Sunday, Sept. 13 at 2 p.m. The two-hour long Sunday afternoon sessions are hosted at the Cottage Grove Community Center, 700 E Gibbs Ave. Cottage Grove. The nine-week series involves topical videos, a personal study guide and small group discussion. If you have questions, concerns or would like to register please call Carol Ingraham 541-914-8283 or Robyn Thomas at 1-830-613-4077.

Faith Center hires new youth pastor

BY CINDY WEELDREYER
Sentinel Faith Page Editor

It's quite a journey from Sweet Home to an African town in Uganda and then to Cottage Grove. For Colton Emmert, Cottage Grove Faith Center's new youth pastor, it's been quite an adventure following the Holy Spirit's leading. The next big step in that journey is walking down the aisle with his soon-to-be bride on Sept. 5.

The 25-year-old was born and raised in the central Willamette Valley rural community of Sweet Home. He graduated in the Class of 2008 and continued his education studying business and psychology at Linn-Benton Community College. His desire to serve Jesus Christ took him over the mountain to a Bend church to serve two years as an intern in the Children and Youth ministries at Journey Church.

Journey Church supports The City Church in the city of Luzira, Uganda. Last summer, Emmert was part of a team Journey sent to develop a stronger relationship with this church and its community. The team's mission was to work with locals to proclaim the Gospel and bring the hope of Jesus to more people by facilitating a week-long youth basketball camp. It was a trip that transformed his life.

"The intensity of a short term mission trip can lead to a mountain peak effect. It could be very easy to return to your everyday life after returning from a mission trip," Emmert said. "My first trip to Uganda inspired change in my life and opened my heart to the call of God in my life."

While at Journey he met Marissa Nicholson who was a volunteer at a fundraiser for the 2014 trip. They began dating, fell in love and became engaged. When an opportunity arose earlier this year to return to Uganda, to serve as Christian education/English teachers for three months at a Christian school and orphanage, the young couple eagerly took it. Upon returning to Oregon in March, Emmert began looking for a job and they began planning their early September wedding in Terrabone.

"Building relationships is very important to me," Emmert said. "I met Isaac (Faith Center Pastor)



courtesy photo

Colton Emmert and fiancée Marissa Nicholson came to Cottage Grove in June.

several times before I had a formal interview. Following the interview Marissa and I agreed we loved the atmosphere here, both within the church and in the community, and we felt called to come to Cottage Grove."

He began his new job in June and hit the ground running by taking 30 youth to summer camp last month. As youth pastor his duties are to encourage middle and high school students to develop a personal relationship with Jesus.

"My goals are to create an atmosphere where kids feel comfortable to come as they are and to have fun as they build their faith in Christ," Emmert said. "Faith Center hasn't had a youth pastor on staff for several years, which gives me the opportunity to start fresh."

Some of the students are engaged now painting

and remodeling the youth room. The youth meetings for Middle and High School students will be Wednesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. beginning the second week of September. The midweek meeting will be powered by pizza and begins with several fun ice-breaker games that help kids get to know each other better. After a time of praise and worship singing, Emmert offers a devotional message before dividing into small groups.

Today's youth culture strongly embraces personal expression and technology. Emmert knows he needs to make the church relevant to today's youth by helping them get rid of preconceived notions of what a church youth group should be.

"I want kids to know they don't have to look a certain way to attend our youth group or our church," Emmert said. "I want to continue Faith Center's commitment to integrate the youth with the entire congregation. We want to reach out to the un-churched in our community with the love of Jesus Christ and help them understand how much God loves them."

The couple enjoys outdoor activities and considers the local lakes, rivers and great camping spots part of the perks that go with the new position.

"We love Cottage Grove's small town feel and the people are very friendly and supportive," he said. "I grew up in a small town similar in size to Cottage Grove, yet I'm impressed there as always something happening here."

Pastor Isaac Hovet believes Emmert is a good fit for the church and the community. Hovet is impressed with how quickly Emmert has embraced the position and believes he will be effective in mentoring middle and high school students through the challenges of this new school year and nurturing their faith in Christ.

"It is really exciting to experience God's provision for Cottage Grove Faith Center and his provision for Colton," Hovet said. "We are a great church for Colton to grow into his ministry calling and simultaneously he is providing wonderful leadership for our students!"

Change your approach and give your soul a vacation!

One of the most comforting scriptures in the Bible is Matthew 11:28. In this verse, Jesus tells us, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy-laden and overburdened, and I will cause you to rest. [I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls.]"

I think it's interesting to note here that Jesus said He would "ease and relieve and refresh" our souls, not our bodies. It sounds like He's saying we need to give our souls a vacation.

The inner and outer lives

We all have two lives: an inner life and

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CHURCH BRIEFS

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

8:30 a.m.

The Cottage Grove United Methodist Church offers a community Bible study two days a week. Enjoy coffee or tea for a time of devotional Bible study and discussion. For more information call 541-942-3033.

LIVING FAITH ASSEMBLY YOUTH 180 PROGRAM

– Mondays at 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Provides young people in grades 6–12 opportunities to grow in their faith, develop meaningful relationships with others and make sense out of life. The time is designed to

be fun and includes a valuable time of teaching. The topics discussed are tailored especially for teenagers such as peer pressure, drug abuse, sex, respecting others and the importance of making good decisions. An optional dinner begins at 5 p.m. The church is located on the corner of 10th & Monroe. For more info call 541-942-2612 or online www.livingfaithag.com.

SUNDAY MORNING LIGHT WEEKLY RADIO PROGRAM

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 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 SEPTEMBER FAITH PAGE

There will be no Faith Page for July. The deadline for the next monthly Faith Page is Thursday, September 17 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
1447 Hwy 99 (Village Plaza)
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
Sumer Schedule Sunday, Service - 10am
Full Children's Ministry available

Covered Bridge Nazarene Church
152 S. M St.
541-942-4422
Pastor: Cindy Slaymaker
Sunday School: 9:30am
Worship 10:30am

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" Sat Evening Service 6:00pm
Youth 180 Mondays 5:30-8pm
Children's Breakout Class: Wed. 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.pennoyeravcoc.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 Worship 9:30am
Adult Education 10:45am
Comm. Kitchen Free Meal Tue & Thur
5:00pm TLC Groups
trinitylutherancottagegrove.com

United Methodist Church
334 Washington • 541-942-3033
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen
Worship: 10:30am
Adult & Sunday School: 9:30am
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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