



# FAITH

## Special holiday events!

### THANKSGIVING DAY FREE BREAKFAST – Thursday, Nov. 26 from 7-11 a.m.

Church of Christ at Sixth and Gibbs serves a free pancake breakfast with all the fixings. The clothes closet will be open.

### THANKSGIVING DAY FREE COMMUNITY DINNER – Thursday, Nov. 26 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Organized by area churches and hosted at the First Baptist Church, 301 S. 6th St. Everyone is welcome to enjoy a traditional turkey dinner with dessert. Local meal delivery is available to pre-order call Mercy Johnson at 541-942-5229. On Thanksgiving Day call the church at 541-942-8242.

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN ADVENT – Sundays at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

The Sunday morning service on Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13 and 20 includes lighting of the Advent candle. An Advent study follows the service at 11:30 a.m. Claire Savin and Chris Heritage lead discussion of the text of Handel's "Messiah" that provides insight into this holiday masterpiece through the study of scripture that is woven throughout the piece and listening to selections from it. The church is located on the corner of Third and Adams.

### TRINITY LUTHERAN ADVENT STUDY: "Songs of Advent" – Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

On Dec. 2, 9 and 16 explore the meaning of the songs of Zechariah, Mary and the Angels as recorded in the Gospel of Luke. Come at 6 p.m. and enjoy a soup supper. The church is located on the corner of Sixth and Quincy

### UO FREE HOLIDAY CONCERT – Saturday, Dec. 5 at 2 p.m.

Four students from the UO School of Music sing and play Christmas music and conclude with the audience singing popular Christmas carols. Hosted at the United Methodist Church, 334 Washington Ave. Cookies and coffee will be served after the concert.

### CG FAITH CENTER CHRISTMAS BLOCK PARTY – Saturday, Dec. 5 from 5:30-8 p.m.

Part of the Christmas in Cottage Grove festivities in the Downtown Historic District, this event features hot soup, Christ-

mas goodies, campfire, hot cocoa, and caroling hayrides in Northwest Neighborhood.

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN ADVENT FESTIVAL – Sunday, Dec. 6 from 3-6 p.m.

Includes wreath making, crafts, frosting sweet treats, fleece blanket activity for a service project, dinner (soup or chili provided) attendees are welcome to bring an appetizer, bread, salad or dessert to share (but it isn't required). A brief, casual worship service will conclude the afternoon. The church is located on the corner of Third and Adams.

### MONTHLY GOSPEL SING-ALONG – Friday, Dec. 11 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. The church is located on the corner of Fifth and Washington.

### CG FAITH CENTER YOUTH OUTREACH CHRISTMAS PARTY – Wednesday, Dec. 16 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Middle and High School students are invited to enjoy holiday fun and refreshments. For more information call Youth Pastor Colton Emmert at 541-401-4932. The church is located at 33761 Row River Rd.

### LIVING FAITH CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – Dec. 19 at 6 p.m. and Dec. 20 at 10 a.m.

Star Trip - Our Faith Awakens uses a "Star Wars" treatment to tell the Christmas story. The church is located on the corner of 10th and Monroe.

### OLD TIME GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – Sunday, Dec. 20 at 6 p.m.

Reconnecting the Reason to the Season, the candlelight program tells the Christmas Story from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke in word and song. For more information call 541-942-2967. The church is on the corner of Fifth and Washington.

## Family Praise Center re-launched as City Life Church

BY CINDY WEELDREYER  
Sentinel Faith Page Editor

More than 155 people of all ages gathered to celebrate a new name and the strength of sowing spiritual seeds from one generation to the next. The sanctuary was festively-filled with pale blue balloons and linen-covered tables as Co-Pastors Bill and Lesia Clark provided an overview of the rich history of their church in Cottage Grove.

"We believe in sowing (spiritual) seeds into the next generation," Pastor Bill told the group. "Our church was planted here in 1955, and that original seed of faith continues to grow through all the generations that have followed."

The first location was the small wooden church on Monroe Avenue. The congregation later built a larger church on Main Street (where the liquor store is today). The rapidly growing church soon outgrew that location and, in 1972, then Pastor Charles Tuttle purchased the seven acres on Row River Road where the church is today.

From 1984 to 2014, Lesia's parents, Kraig and Shirley Christensen, served as pastors. During their tenure the name was changed from Evangel Temple to Family Praise Center. For the last 25 of those years, the Clarks served first as children/youth pastors and the last 10 as associate pastors. After 30 years, the Christensens retired in June 2014 and the Clarks became the church's senior co-pastors.

Bill and Lesia were raised in families with strong Christian values. Bill and Lesia met as students at South Lane Christian School. Bill graduated in 1986 and Lesia in 1987. They married in October 1989 and have a 21-year-old son, AJ.

Highlights of their tenure as associate pastors include the Live Nativity Drive-Thru at Christmas time that featured fireworks when



photo by Cindy Weeldreyer

### City Life Church Pastors Bill and Lesia Clark welcome members and guests to the Nov. 15 re-launch.

weather permitted. For eight years the church produced a lavish Easter Passion Play. They organized a popular bus ministry and provided children from low-income families with a week at summer church camp.

The months leading up to the Nov. 15 re-launch involved key renovations to the building and grounds. Those upgrades included new siding and windows, landscaping and fencing and brand new signage. The primary goal was to stabilize the physical building and provide an inheritance for the next generation 50 years from now."

At the Sunday celebration the Clarks explained the reason for the newest name change of the 60-year-old church.

"We didn't set out to change the name," Pastor Lesia said. "The culture is changing, and to reach younger generations, we need to do things differently. We adopted a new vision statement, 'Let's do Life Together,' to capture our desire to not draw people to a building but into a relationship that supports the demands of their daily lives." Each Sunday, members enjoy robust praise and worship singing that includes an inspiring Bible-based message from 10 a.m. to noon. Concurrently, children meet

in Sunday School classes from 10-11 a.m. and then come together for Kids Church from 11 a.m. to Noon. Wednesday night is focused on teaching and discussing videos and books that inspire and encourage spiritual growth.

Two times a month on Sunday nights at 5 p.m. church members gather for "The Neighborhood," a fun, informal event that builds relationships within the congregation and serves as an outreach effort to invite individuals and families to enjoy. The IronMen men's ministry and the Sisterhood women's ministry plan special events to strengthen relationships with each other and facilitate deeper personal experiences with Jesus Christ.

Pastor Bill said, "We are building a highway from one generation to the next. We plan to host classes offered by our denomination's Advantage College and be actively involved training new pastors and church leaders to establish new churches in other communities.

International Pentecostal Holiness Church Bishop Garry Bryant of Oklahoma City provided background information on the Pentecostal nature of the denomination at the Nov. 15 celebration.

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### CHURCH-SPONSORED COMMUNITY DINNERS

Mondays – United Methodist Church (second and third Mondays only) 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.

### 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. Drop in and enjoy coffee or tea for a 90-minute time of devotional Bible study and discussion. 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.

Children enjoy memorizing Scripture verses, games, Bible lessons and dressing up for special theme nights. More information can be found on the church website: [www.cgbible.org](http://www.cgbible.org).

### CAMPUS LIFE CLUB – Mondays and Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

This Lane County Youth for Christ non-denominational youth outreach program meets during the school year. Campus Life's weekly club meetings blend food, music, games

and a short Bible-based "talk" that ends with a prayer. Middle School students meet on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Riverside Community Church, 1255 S. River Rd. High School students meet on Mondays at 7 p.m. in the game room above Domino's Pizza (next to the post office). More information available on Facebook at Cottage Grove Campus Life or by calling Director Tim Sinclair at 541-285-4812.

### MOTHERS OF PRE-SCHOOLERS [MOPS]

– Mondays from 6-8 p.m. An outreach ministry designed to support mothers and help them be the best moms they can be. MOPS is for mothers with children from birth to kindergarten. MomsNext is for mothers with school age children. Both groups meet at Calvary Chapel in the Village Shopping Center, 1447 Hwy 99. For more information visit [www.cottagegrovemops.org](http://www.cottagegrovemops.org) or call 541-942-6842.

# 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](http://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](http://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 11am  
Sunday School: 9:45am  
AWANA age 3-8th Grade,  
Wednesdays Sept-May, 6:30pm  
[www.cgbible.org](http://www.cgbible.org)

**Cottage Grove Faith Center**  
33761 Row River Rd. • 541-942-4851  
Lead Pastor: Isaac Hovet  
[www.cg4.tv](http://www.cg4.tv)  
2 Sunday Services: 9am & 11am  
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: Karen Hill  
Worship: 10:00am  
Sunday School: 10:00am  
[www.cgpresbynews.com](http://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](http://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.pennoyeravvecoc.com](http://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 10:30 am  
Comm. Kitchen Free Meal Tue & Thur  
5:00pm TLC Groups  
[tlccg.com](http://tlccg.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)  
2nd & 3rd Monday 5-6:00pm  
[cottagegroveumc.org](http://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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