



# FAITH

## Special Events

### METHODIST CHURCH GAME NIGHT – Monday, Sept. 26 at 6:30 p.m.

All fun loving people who enjoy playing games and meeting new people are invited to this monthly game night. The church is located at 334 Washington Ave. For more info call 541-942-3033.

### COTTAGE GROVE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE – Wednesday, Sept 28 at 6:30 p.m.

All are welcome to come check out the classroom as well as see what the students have been learning.

### SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS CREATION WEEKEND – Friday-Saturday, Oct. 7-8

The community is invited to hear Dr. Stan Hudson's teaching on Earth's creation at the Cottage Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church, 820 S. 10th St. Friday night session: "In the beginning... God or Hydrogen?" at 7 p.m. Saturday morning session: "The Flood" at 10:40 a.m. Saturday afternoon session: "On Dragons and Dinosaurs" at 1:30 p.m. Call 541-942-5213 with any questions or to reserve a spot.

### MONTHLY GOSPEL SING-A-LONG – Friday, Oct. 14 from 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Hosted at the Old Time Gospel Fellowship Church, 103 S. 5th St. The monthly event features group singing and music specials. If you have an instrument to play or you want to sing a special song, call Berneda at 541-942-3773 or Sandra at 541-942-9129.

### SDA MONTHLY PRODUCE AND MORE GIVEAWAY – Monday, Oct. 17 from 1-3 p.m.

Seventh-Day Adventist Community Services provides fresh fruits and vegetables as well as clothing and some household goods. The church is located at 820 S. 10th St. (Across from Harrison School)

## Cottage Grove Faith Center's Season of Change

*Hovets moving on after five years*

BY CINDY WEELDREYER  
Sentinel Faith Page Editor

*"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." – Ecclesiastes 3:1*

As the seasons changed from summer to fall last week, Cottage Grove Faith Center members are also ending one season and beginning a new one with the departure of Pastor Isaac Hovet after five years of service. The 1997 Creswell High School graduate attended Life Pacific College in Southern California, where God used music to introduce his future wife, Donia. They married in 2001 and returned to Oregon to become ministry partners -- who have since added three children to their family. After serving seven years as a youth and associate pastor at Evergreen Christian Center in Hillsboro, OR, he was called to be the senior pastor at Cottage Grove Faith Center (CGFC).

"At the end of 2010, I was asked to consider moving my family to Cottage Grove to assume the lead pastor position at Cottage Grove Faith Center. After a couple of months of processing, we said yes and were very surprised to find ourselves back in South Lane County," Hovet recalled. "Early on we were determined to love the people in the church, but even more so to love the people of Cottage Grove. Over time, as our church gained momentum, we began a second service and developed the motto that continues to breathe life into our

mission: 'We Love This Town!'"

When asked about the successes and challenges he encountered in the past five years, Hovet said becoming a senior pastor of a congregation with uncertainty about the church's future was a challenge. He credits Donia's determination and creativity with much of their success.

"I am sure that a 32-year-old showing up as the senior pastor didn't immediately foster much confidence," he said. "Right away my amazing wife resurrected our children's ministry. We forged a confidence with people that we were up to the significant task of leading what would again become one of the largest churches in Cottage Grove."

He added, "Without Donia, none of this would have been possible. She has been gritty, determined and fantastically creative with our family, our time and our church. Beyond what people would even see, she has endured a challenging leadership road here. We've both emerged as better for our time here, but quite aware of the difficulties that caused this growth."

Hovet admitted pastoring by nature is challenging because ministry is an endless job that inevitably brings pain as people reject you, your church or your family. Despite the downside of pastoring, he believes it's important for churches to create bridges in the community and be involved in initiatives and organizations working to make Cottage Grove a wonderful place to live.

"Religious institutions will always



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The Hovet family was recently recognized by Cottage Grove Faith Center for contributions to the congregation and community prior to a move to the New Hope Foursquare church in Salem.

be tempted to view themselves as 'distinct' from the very community they're attempting to serve. An attitude and posture of respect towards people at-large is absolutely necessary to build bridges into the community. Anything less is not pragmatic, and is un-Jesus," Hovet said.

He added, "An attitude of humble service and gracious cooperation is of utmost importance. Political agendas and partisan politics, particularly when sponsored by a church or pastor, will absolutely distract and destroy the good that is happening in Cottage Grove."

As he closes this chapter of his life to begin a new one, Hovet said he's hopeful the diversified faith community at Faith Center will continue to lead the way by embracing a diverse world and infusing grace into every person and relationship. Anything less would be a deep and tragic disappointment to him. He believes the Kingdom of God must be led by people who are so secure in their faith and trust in God they refuse to succumb to the temptations towards disunity and disrespect.

He said one of his goals here was to demonstrate (as a church and a pastor) Christians can have fun and not be afraid of people who think differently or are overly concerned about what they have been or done in the past.

"Our favorite word is 'grace,' and we've absolutely loved extending vast amounts of empowering grace to so many people in our town," he said.

The Hovets fell in love with the Cottage Grove community and its unique opportunities such as its professional, high quality community theatre. "Our family has benefited tremendously from the jewel that is the Cottage Theatre," he said. His newest season of life will unfold at New Hope Foursquare Church in northeast Salem. He describes it as a very active church that was recognized as "Member of the Year" by the Salem Leadership Foundation for extensive community involvement.

"For the last 35 years the church has been led by successful pastors and has no history of divisions, bad leadership or unhealthy direction," he said. "I'm very humbled and excited to lead such a substantial church into the future. I want to publicly acknowledge the amazing team at Faith Center: Traci Beach, Shane May, Mike Powell, Sheila Powell, Colton Emmert, Angela Pearson, Victor Pearson, Jennifer Powell, and Patti Guerra. These people are the main engines behind many of our efforts and will continue to be led by Christ to continue providing solid leadership for the new pastor."

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### CALVARY CHAPEL ANNOUNCES NEW COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE and FALL BIBLE STUDIES

First Friday Night Monthly Worship Service at 7 p.m. is new and open to all who love contemporary praise and worship music. Midweek Bible Study of the "Gospel of Mark" on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study of the "Book of Esther" with Beth Moore on Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. from Sept. 22-Nov. 17 The church is located at 1447 Hwy. 99 in the Village Shopping Center. For details call 541-942-6842.

### UNITED METHODISTS OFFER FALL BIBLE STUDY – Thursdays, Oct. 13-Nov. 17 from 6-8 p.m.

"The Way: Walking in the Foot-

steps of Jesus" is the subject of this DVD study by Adam Hamilton that focuses on the details of Jesus' life and teachings and how to apply them to daily life. Book: \$10 (or \$13.39 for large print). For more info or to order the book, call Pastor Lura Kidner-Miesen at 541-942-3033. The church is located at 334 Washington Ave.

### CHURCH-SPONSORED COMMUNITY DINNERS

Mondays – United Methodist Church at 5 p.m. (second and third only)  
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.

### WEEKLY FAITH-BASED YOUTH PROGRAMS

#### 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.cgibible.org](http://www.cgibible.org) or call 541-942-4771.

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

This Lane County Youth for

Christ non-denominational youth outreach program meets during the school year. 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.

#### 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 OCTOBER FAITH PAGE

The deadline for the next monthly Faith Page is Thursday, Oct. 20 at noon. Drop off information to the Sentinel office or email it to [weeldreyer@aol.com](mailto:weeldreyer@aol.com).

# Worship Directory

## WORSHIP WITH US

**DRAIN:**  
**Gateway Family Fellowship**  
Church of the Nazarene  
337 "C" St. Drain, OR  
Sunday School 9:30am  
Worship 10:45am  
Living Hope Free Lunch  
Wed. at 12:30pm  
541-836-7051 [www.drainnaz.org](http://www.drainnaz.org)

**HOPE U.M.C.**  
131 W "A" St. Drain, OR  
541-315-1617  
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen  
Bible Study: 10:45am  
Potluck Lunch: 11:45  
Worship: 12:30pm

**COTTAGE GROVE:**  
**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  
Youth Group Bible Study  
Child Care 10:45am Service Only  
[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.  
[cslcottagegrove@gmail.com](mailto:cslcottagegrove@gmail.com)

**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.cgibible.org](http://www.cgibible.org)

**Cottage Grove Faith Center**  
33761 Row River Rd. • 541-942-4851  
Lead Pastor: Isaac Hovet  
[www.cg4.tv](http://www.cg4.tv)  
Summer 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 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  
Worship & Children's  
Church 10:00 am  
Youth 180 Mondays 5:30-8pm

**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](http://www.pennoyeravecc.com)

**Old Time Gospel Fellowship**  
103 S. 5th St. • 541-942-4999  
Pastor: Jim Edwards  
Sunday Service: 10:00am  
Join us in Traditional Christian Worship

**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 Holbrook 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  
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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