



FAITH

Special events!

SIXTH and GIBBS CHURCH FREE THANKSGIVING DAY BREAKFAST – Thursday, Nov. 24 from 7-10 a.m.

The community is invited to enjoy a hearty breakfast on Thanksgiving morning at the 522 E. Whiteaker building. Essentials such as warm clothes, socks, underwear and hygiene products will be offered to those who need them.

FREE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER – Thursday, Nov. 24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings organized by local churches and hosted at First Baptist Church, 301 S. Sixth St.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE – Sunday, Nov. 27 at 10 a.m.

All are welcome to enjoy Christmas music and the lighting of the first candle of the Advent season at Third & Adams.

CALVARY CHAPEL FIRST FRIDAY NIGHT MONTHLY WORSHIP SERVICE – Friday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m.

Designed as a non-denominational monthly gathering of all who love Jesus and enjoy contemporary praise and worship music. A communion table is available for those who desire to participate. The church is located in the Village Shopping Center. For more info call 541-942-6842.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT OFFERED AT SIXTH and GIBBS – Friday, Dec. 2 from 6-9 p.m.

Parents can enjoy a night without the kids for Christmas shopping or just some kid-free time. Drop the kids off at the 522 E Whiteaker Building. Dinner, movie, crafts, and games provided. Register at www.6thandgibbs.com.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERT - Saturday, Dec. 3, at 1 p.m.

The concert showcases four graduate students from the University of Oregon School of Music and Dance sing sacred and popular Christmas songs accompanied by piano, violin, and cello. Cookies, punch and coffee will be served following the concert. 334 Washington Ave.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN SERVICE and ADVENT FESTIVAL – Sun, Dec. 4 at 10 a.m. and 4-6:30 p.m.

All are welcome to enjoy Christmas music and the lighting of the second candle of the Advent season. Return in the afternoon for the Advent Festival featuring crafts, wreath-making, decorations, baking, games for kids, supper (main dish, potluck appetizers,

salads and desserts provided) followed by a short worship service. The church is located at Third and Adams.

MONTHLY GOSPEL SING-A-LONG – Friday, Dec. 9 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.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE – Sunday, Dec. 11 at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

All are welcome to enjoy Christmas music and the lighting of the third candle of the Advent season. Return at 5 p.m. and take a break from holiday busy-ness to watch a contemplative slide show of Nativity images set to music in the sanctuary. The church is located at Third and Adams.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE – Sunday, Dec. 18 at 10 a.m.

All are welcome to enjoy special music and the lighting of the fourth candle of the Advent season.

OLD TIME GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – Sunday, Dec. 18 at 6 pm

“The First Silent Night” tells the story of Christ’s birth in word and song. (No Christmas Day service)

SDA MONTHLY PRODUCE AND MORE GIVEAWAY – Monday, Dec. 19 from Noon - 4 p.m.

Seventh-Day Adventist Community Services provides fresh fruits and vegetables as well as clothing and some household goods. Note extended hours offering children’s toys, games, etc. for Christmas. The church is located at 820 S. 10th St. (Across from Harrison School)

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES Sixth and Gibbs Church at 5 p.m.

“Awaken the Peace of Christmas” United Methodist Church at 5 p.m., 334 Washington Ave. First Presbyterian Church Candlelight Service at 7 p.m., Third and Adams Living Faith Fellowship Candlelight Service at 6 p.m. 467 S. 10th St.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES Sixth & Gibbs Church (one service) at 10 a.m., 522 E Whiteaker Building

First Presbyterian Church at 10 a.m. Third and Adams United Methodist Church at 10:30 a.m., 334 Washington Ave. St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church at 10:30 a.m., 1301 W. Main St. Living Faith Fellowship at 10 a.m. 467 S. 10th St.

First Baptists prepare to call new pastor

BY CINDY WEELDREYER
Sentinel Faith Page Editor

It’s a new era in the 107-year-old history of Cottage Grove’s First Baptist Church as church members prepare to launch their first pastoral search in more than three decades. Longtime pastor Steve Johnson and his wife Mercy retired in May. In July, the First Baptist’s church board hired Reed Webster to serve as an Interim Pastoral, to guide the congregation on an 18-24 month journey to call a new one.

Webster, 35, is a Eugene native and 1999 graduate of Sheldon High School. His own journey to this current position, just 20 miles away from his hometown, was far from direct. Along the way served churches in five denominations and discovered he had a gift for helping a church heal after dealing with a major change in their congregation.

“I first felt a call into ministry while in high school and attending the non-denominational Emerald Bible Fellowship,” he recalled. “I asked the youth pastor how I would know if God is calling me into the ministry. He said try other things first— and so I did. My undergraduate years in college were my sojourn to find where the Lord really wanted me to be.”

After high school graduation he attended a culinary arts school in Portland and determined that was not his calling. He returned to Eugene and attended Lane Community College and became interested in law enforcement. He transferred to Western Oregon University to pursue



photo by Bruce Kelsch

First Baptist Church Interim Pastor Reed Webster (with wife Kelsey, son Maxwell and daughter Emerson) will assist church members in an 18-24 month-long process to call their first pastor in 30 years.

that dream before realizing that wasn’t the direction God wanted him to go.

In the winter of 2001, he had a life-changing experience at a Missions Conference at a Southern Baptist Seminary in California and finally accepted his call into the ministry. After spending a year at the Oklahoma Baptist University, in 2002, he came home to Oregon and completed his undergraduate studies at Eugene Bible College, earning a degree in Pastoral Ministry with emphasis in Bible and Christian Counseling. He then completed a Masters of Arts in Theology at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif. in 2007.

After his second degree, he returned to Eugene to accept a six-month position as the interim youth pastor at Valley

Covenant Church and then at Northwood Christian Church in Springfield. His next position was senior pastor at the First Baptist Church in Yreka, Calif. When that church closed, he served two Methodist Churches in Northern California. He and his family welcomed the opportunity to return to Oregon to accept his current interim assignment at Cottage Grove’s First Baptist Church.

In the American Baptist churches, whenever a longtime pastor leaves or retires, it’s an opportunity for the congregation to re-evaluate its needs and identify its strengths and weaknesses to aid in calling their next pastor. Although

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WEEKLY EVENTS

LOCAL WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

Methodist Community Bible Study: Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. Participants select Biblical text to study

334 Washington Ave. (Use kitchen entrance from alley behind the building)

Calvary Chapel Midweek Study: Wednesdays at 7 pm; The Gospel of Mark; 1447 Hwy 99 (Village Plaza)

Calvary Chapel Women’s Study: Thursdays, 6-8 pm; Beth Moore DVD/Book study of the Book of Esther (Village Plaza)

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.cg-bible.org or call 541-942-4771.

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 or call 541-942-6842.

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 DECEMBER FAITH PAGE

The deadline for the next monthly Faith Page is Thursday, Dec. 22 at noon. Drop off information to the Sentinel office or email it to weeldreyer@aol.com.

Worship Directory



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

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

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

Center for Spiritual Living
Cottage Grove
700 Gibbs Ave. (Community Center)
Rev. Bobby Lee
Meets Sunday 3:00 p.m.
clscottagegrove@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.cgbible.org

Cottage Grove Faith Center
33761 Row River Rd. • 541-942-4851
Lead Pastor: Isaac Hovet
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

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
Worship & Children’s
Church 10:00 am
Youth 180 Mondays 5:30-8pm

Non-Denominational Church of Christ
1041 Penoyer Ave * 541-767-0447
Preachers: Tony Martin & Robert Evans
Sunday Bible Study: 10:00am
Sunday Worship: 10:50am & 5:30pm
www.penoyeravecc.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

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

“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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