



Pastor Cindy Slaymaker set to retire April 2

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Pastor Cindy Slaymaker came to Cottage Grove just before the turn of the century, she was homeless. She came to preach at the Church of the Nazarene and had intended to stay with a family from the congregation until she and her husband could settle down.

"The day we got here, my husband broke his ankle," she said. "It required pins and surgery, so it was an adventure. That was our beginning in Cottage Grove."

The Slaymakers may have began on a rocky road in Cottage Grove but eventually, the couple purchased a house and Cindy got to work.

She has preached for the last 18 years to the small, family-like congregation at the Church of the Nazarene, continuing on through the loss of her husband.

"He always said if he got cancer, it would be from Agent Orange," she said. The Vietnam veteran was gone after six weeks.

Cindy, however, remains faithful in Cottage Grove.

"I want to enjoy the city," she said of her pending retirement.

She wants to go to concerts in the park and work in her garden. Her days will be filled with bicycle rides and meeting friends for coffee. All of which will be a change of pace for the pastor who routinely works 50 hours a week.

And while she said she plans to enjoy her retirement, she hopes to also join local volunteer efforts.

"I'm not ready for a rocking chair on the porch yet," she said. What volunteer group she's ready to join is not quite clear yet. She is well aware of the crowded field here in Cottage Grove of groups eager to improve and help the community but isn't set on which group may be for her.

"I don't know what the Lord will call me to do. I have a lot of invitations to do a lot of things but I don't know what to do yet," she said.

While she is looking forward to slower weeks, she said the people have always made Cottage Grove for her and will continue to do so.

"My congregation is made up of the best people," she said. "They are as compassionate and loving as any group I have ever known."



Pastor Cindy Slaymaker will retire after 18 years. Courtesy photo.

CHURCH BRIEFS

LOCAL WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

Methodist Community Bible Study: Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m., 334 Washington Ave. (Use kitchen entrance from alley behind the building)

Calvary Chapel Midweek Study: Wednesdays at 7 pm, 1447 Hwy 99 (Village Plaza)

Calvary Chapel Women's Study: Thursdays, 6-8 pm

CHURCH-SPONSORED COMMUNITY DINNERS

Mondays – United Methodist Church at 5 p.m. (2nd & 3rd Only)

Tuesdays – Trinity Lutheran Church at 5 p.m.

Thursdays – Trinity Lutheran Church at 5 p.m.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY PROGRAM – Fridays at 6:30 p.m.

Calvary Chapel hosts this balanced, Biblically-based program designed to help those struggling with "hurts, habits and hang-ups by showing them the loving power of Jesus Christ through a recovery process. Celebrate Recovery is now in more than 29,000 churches worldwide. For additional information contact Harvey Epperson at 541-520-8071 or send an email to harvey.epperson@ariinc.com

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.cgbible.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. Campus Life's weekly club meetings blend food, music, games and a short Bible-based "talk" that ends with a prayer. High School students meet on Mondays at 7 p.m. in the game room above Domino's Pizza (next to the post office). Middle School students meet on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Riverside Community Church, 1255 S. River Rd. 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.cottagegrove.com 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. Submit church announcements to cindy@knnd.com or call 541-915-0113.

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.]

Local car enthusiast remembered with vigil in Bohemia Park

By Cindy Weeldreyer
For The Sentinel

A somber group gathered Saturday evening to remember 25-year-old Andrew "Andy" Dempsey, who was crushed to death the day before while working under a car in Creswell. A 2009 Cottage Grove High School graduate, he was a popular local mechanic and a member of two Eugene-based car clubs: South Lane Auto Meet and Low Life 541.

More than 100 members of the car clubs joined family, friends and former classmates for a memorial service in Bohemia Park. The event began with a ride around Cottage Grove Lake, which started from the parking lot filled with 70+ cars and trucks. Many drivers loudly revved and backfired the engine of their customized vehicle to salute their friend's memory as they waited their turn to join the procession.

Following the ride, a candlelight service at the park's fountain brought people of all ages together to remember a young man "who loved Hondas and skateboarding."

Among the mourners were Mary Cadwalader, the mother of his only child who tragically died of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome at the age of three months, and his current girlfriend, Bree Townley. Many of those attending wore red sweatshirts in memory of classmate Kyle Ledford who died in a fatal shooting here in January 2016.

Friend Ashley Johnson said the car club members are a very close group that meets on Fridays at the EWEB parking lot in downtown Eugene. She noted, sadly, 12 of Dempsey's Lincoln Middle School classmates have now died.

"It's been a hard year for all of us who were at Lincoln together. It's super sad about Andy because he survived cancer, then lost his baby girl, and now his own life," she said.



Jayden Harrington and Mary Cadwalader were among those who gathered in Bohemia Park Saturday night to remember Andrew

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

HOPE U.M.C.
131 W "A" St. Drain, OR
541-315-1617
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen
Fellowship & Song: 11:30am
Potluck Lunch: 12:00pm
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.cgcvalvary.org

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

Cottage Grove Faith Center
33761 Row River Rd. • 541-942-4851
Lead Pastor: Isaac Hovet
www.cg4tv
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

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 Pennoyer Ave • 541-942-8928
Preacher: Tony Martin
Sunday Bible Study: 10:00am
Sunday Worship: 10:50am & 5:30pm
www.pennoyeravecoc.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 Hollbrock 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
llccg.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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