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**The Motor Vu Drive-in's 63-year run ended in 2016.**

# Drive-in: Mexico to focus on Fox cinema

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"I don't think it would have worked out anyway," he said.

Mexico is selling off equipment at the drive-in and should be off the site at the end of February. Still the owner of the Fox Theatre in Dallas and Star Theatre in Stayton, Mexico will turn his attention to his other businesses.

"I will concentrate on the Fox in the summer, since I won't be here all summer," Mexico said. "The Star is doing well, but the Fox needs some more people coming through the doors."

He said he has plans in the works for the Fox that will be announced later.

Mexico hasn't given up on the idea of a drive-in, either, just not in Dallas. He's looking at properties elsewhere in the valley.

"I'm hoping I will find more affordable land," Mexico said.

Comments on Friday's Facebook announcement illustrated that Motor Vu fans will feel the absence of the drive-in just as much as Mexico. People posted photos and stories of their trips to the drive-in over the years.

"Thank you for providing a great place for our family to make some wonderful memories," wrote Wendee Schmitke, one of many who commented to express similar sentiments. "Your drive-in will be sorely missed."

# Eclipse: August brings rare event

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Coffelt teamed up with Elaine Cuyler, self-proclaimed "chief eclipse officer," who is educating about and promoting the next eclipse that will be seen in Oregon on Aug. 21.

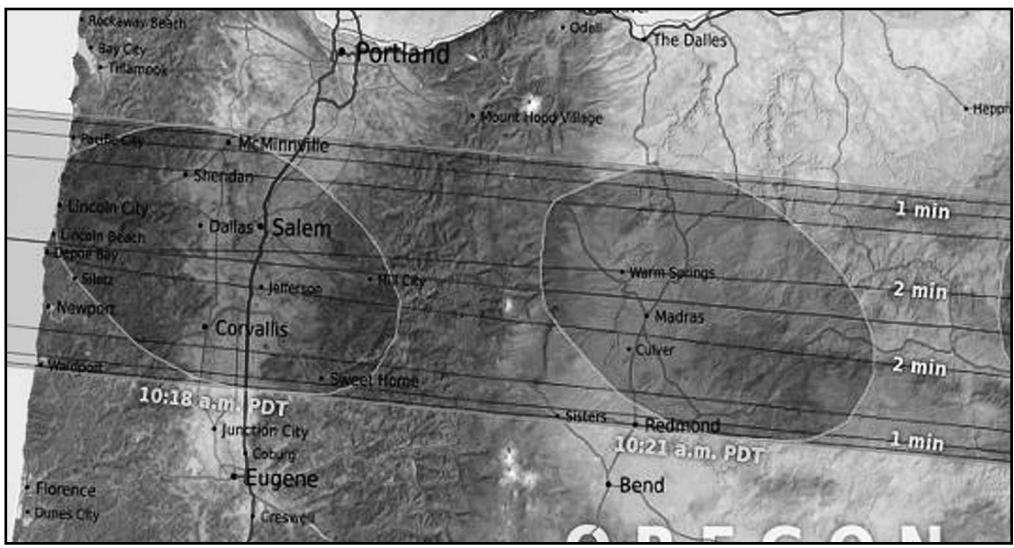
They published Coffelt's third children's science book, "The Big Eclipse."

Those who witnessed the 1979 eclipse say the Polk County region is in for a rare treat in August, and people should go out of their way to see it.

They recommend people research proper eye protection and watch videos of eclipses so they know what to expect.

Also, research what will happen on Aug. 21 and where they sun will be in the sky — totality is about 10:15 a.m., so not high in the sky — to make sure where you plan to go offers a good view.

Coffelt is looking forward to seeing the August eclipse from a hilltop in her hometown of



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**The Great American Eclipse will cast its shadow over Oregon on Aug. 21.**

Baker City, which is on the path of totality.

The stronger possibility of clear skies in eastern Oregon has her eager to see what she missed during the 1979 eclipse.

"I look forward to seeing the sun disappear and the diamond ring effect just before totality," she said. "This is a

rare and marvelous event."

Kasnick says Oregonians should feel fortunate that solar eclipses 37 years apart have tracked over Oregon.

It's tempting to want to capture the moment for eternity through video or a photo, but nothing is like seeing it with your own eyes, he added.

"Just enjoy it. Don't get distracted," Kasnick said. "There's going to be a million pictures of it."

In one final bit of preparation: Kasnick said people should ask a higher power for a favor.

"Whatever god you believe in, pray for clear skies," he said.

# Fair: Bond would help with repairs

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Of that total, \$1.5 million would be dedicated to maintenance of fair buildings and grounds.

Most of the repairs are designated for the main building, including replacing the cracked concrete floor, the leaking roof, non-ADA compliant restroom,

replacing siding and other minor repairs.

About \$400,000 would be applied to repairing walkways and expanding the asphalt area at the fairgrounds.

The bond would replace the county's \$20 million road bond that expired in November.

"All of these buildings, all

of these assets and facilities that we have for everyone to use across the county, are the same as the roads and bridges," said Commissioner Craig Pope.

"They are all assets that the public expects and needs us to maintain. Clearly, there are issues on this property that we all feel

must have attention."

The hearings are Wednesday, today, at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. in the conference room at the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main St., Dallas.

Citizens are welcome to provide comment and learn about the proposed bond.

For more information: 503-623-8173.



# Polk County Worship Directory

## DALLAS

**Calvary Chapel Dallas** Currently meeting for worship and verse by verse Bible teaching at 628 SE Jefferson St. [www.calvarydallas.com](http://www.calvarydallas.com) Worship service begins at 10 a.m. on Sunday. Sunday school is available from youth ministry and below to nursery. Wednesday evening cafe-style Old Testament study starting at 6:30 pm. Come join us for a relaxed study around a cup of coffee or drink. Mens prayer is Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Womens Bible studies are scheduled also, call for times. The Pastor/Teacher is Larry King. Come join us and be a part of God's family here in Dallas. For more information call 503-831-1074.

**Church of God of Prophecy New Beginnings** - 575 SW Ash St., (corner of Ash & Stump St.) Pastor Travis Clemons, 541-671-0375. Bible Study School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. We welcome all to come and get acquainted with our Pastor and his wife Christina. Home Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Sunday. Associate Pastor Jim Dickason 503-302-9816.

**Church of Christ** - 691 N.E. Kings Valley Hwy. Sunday Class 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday Afternoon Service 2:00 p.m. Thursday evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m. We follow the New Testament Plan of Salvation in becoming a Christian and the Pattern of the N. T. Church. We would be glad to study the Bible with you and answer any of your questions. We would like to present a very helpful one hour overview of the Bible. Call 503-831-4886.

**Dallas Alliance Church** - 775 E. Ellendale, Dallas, 503-623-2265, Email [office@dallasalliance.org](mailto:office@dallasalliance.org), Lead Pastor Jim Jamieson; and Youth/Children's Pastor Lance Baker; Every Sunday: classes for all ages at 9:15 a.m., Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m., (Nursery provided for a.m. services); Tuesdays: Youth Night 7:00 p.m. in Ediger Hall; Wednesdays: Adult Prayer Meeting 1:00 p.m., Choir practice 6:45 p.m. Call for info on current Bible Studies. Web: [dallasalliance.org](http://dallasalliance.org).

**Dallas Church** - PO Box 462, Dallas, OR 97338, 503-623-2711. Worship Gatherings: Sundays 10am. Meeting at 450 SE Washington St., Dallas OR 97338. Atmosphere is relaxed, families & children welcome, come as you are, current music & relevant teaching about Jesus. Pastor: Ben Bauman. [www.dallaschurch.org](http://www.dallaschurch.org)

**Dallas Foursquare Church** - Located at 976 SW Hayter St. on the corner of Washington and Hayter. Worship Service: Sundays at 10am. Youth Group: Sundays 6pm to 8pm. Pastor: Darrin Hausler. We are a multi-generational church with a heart for our community. Our mission is to Love God and Love People to Extend His Kingdom. For more info call us at 503-623-8277 or you can visit us online at [dallasfour.com](http://dallasfour.com).

**Dallas Presbyterian Church** invites you: Warm, spirit-filled fellowship with traditional Sunday worship 10:30 am, engaging discussion study groups, prayer "chain" and a loving spirit.—Adult Sunday School 9 am, men's breakfasts Tuesdays at 7 am, women's groups, needle crafts group and Indoor Play Park (for children with accompanying parent). Sensitivity to older adult accessibility and needs. 789 SW Levens, Dallas. 623-3397 [dalpreschurch@gmail.com](mailto:dalpreschurch@gmail.com).

**Evangelical Bible Church** - 1175 S.E. Howe, Dallas 503-623-2331. Senior Pastor Jerry Franz, Visitation Pastor Allan Wiebe, Youth Pastor Nathan Ens. Sunday: Worship \*8:00 a.m.; \*10:45 a.m.; \*6:00 p.m.; Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; High School Youth Group 7:00 p.m.; Thursday: Jr. High Youth Group - 7:00 p.m.; 2nd & 4th Tuesday: MOPS \*9:00 a.m.;

Wednesday: AWANA - 6:30 p.m.; Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 p.m.; Thursday: Bible Studies \*9:00 a.m. & \*7:00 p.m. (women); Thursday Group Bible Study 2:00 p.m. \*Nursery care provided.

**Faith Evangelical Free Church** - 2290 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas, 503-623-8034; Interim Pastor Dennis Beatty, Associate Pastor Ed Sutter, Worship Pastor Ted Kitzmiller, Youth Pastor Aaron Swank, Ministry of Children & Family Debbie Davies. Sunday School 9:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday High School Youth Group 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Jr. High Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Please call or visit our website for information about other meetings. [www.faithfreechurch.org](http://www.faithfreechurch.org)

**First Baptist Church** - 245 S.W. Church St., Dallas, 503-623-5189; [www.gofbc.org](http://www.gofbc.org); Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 6:30 am - 11:30 am; Pastor Rick Bratton 503-551-9561; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:45 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 6-7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome!

**First Christian Church** - Joyfully Worshipping & Serving 1079 S.E. Jefferson Street, Dallas, 503-623-2569. Pastor Darren Anderson. "Live Wire Worship" with Praise Team - 8:30 a.m., Adult, Youth & Children Sunday School - 9:30 a.m., Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. (Nursery provided), Men's Bible Study - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. Christian Women's Fellowship - 2nd Tuesday, 1:00 pm (Sept through June). Please call church office for information about other meetings.

**Grace Community Church** - 598 E. Ellendale Ave. PO Box 69, Dallas, 503-623-4961. Senior Pastor-Dave Bertolini, Pastor of Worship & Discipleship-Ryan Bucher, Pastor of Student Ministries-Ben Potloff. Sunday Worship: 1st Service-9:00 a.m. with Kids, Youth, & Adult Sunday School running concurrently. 2nd Worship Service-10:45 a.m. with Kids Worship running concurrently. Nursery provided for 0 - 2 year olds during both services. Office open Tuesday-Friday for office hours visit our website at [www.graceindallas.org](http://www.graceindallas.org). All are welcome!

**Living Hope City Church** - 180 SE Mill St., Dallas. Family Worship 10:30 am. [www.livinghopecitychurch.org](http://www.livinghopecitychurch.org) Equipping Center & Offices 186 SE Mill St., Dallas. For more information call 503-623-6890.

**Living Word Faith Fellowship** - 830 SE Shelton Street, Dallas, 503-623-9062. Pastor Joan Siewert. Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m. Children's Sunday service 10:00 a.m., nursery provided. Men's fellowship second Saturday of month breakfast at 8:00 a.m. at Murphy's Restaurant, Dallas. Pastor Michael Van Dyke in charge of men's fellowship. Call for additional information. Website: [www.proclaimhim.org](http://www.proclaimhim.org)

**Salt Creek Baptist Church** - 15075 Salt Creek Road, Dallas, 503-623-2976. Senior pastor David Curtis. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Worship 10:50 a.m. Nursery provided for worship services. Classes for all ages. Wednesday Senior High and Middle School Youth at 6:30 p.m. Please call for information about other meetings or visit our website at [www.saltcreekchurch.org](http://www.saltcreekchurch.org).

**Seventh-Day Adventist Church** - 589 SW Birch, P.O. Box 450, Dallas 97338-0450. 503-623-5872. Services on Saturday 9:45 A.M. Sabbath School Bible Study for all age groups. 10:50 A.M. Worship Service. Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 to Noon. Pastor: Lary Brown

**St. Thomas Episcopal Church** - 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas (at the corner of Levens & Cherry) 503-623-8522. Email: [stthomasdallasor@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasdallasor@gmail.com) [www.stthomasdallasor.org](http://www.stthomasdallasor.org) 10 AM worship with Holy Eucharist. Father Fred Heard. Sunday School and Nursery Care available during worship. The church has for-

mally adopted a policy of welcoming and fully affirming individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT). The new policy formalizes and expands on the church's longstanding tradition of radical hospitality towards all people regardless of race or ethnicity, marital status, disability or socio-economic status. St. Thomas Welcomes you—please join us.

**Trinity Lutheran Church** - 320 SE Fir Villa Rd, Dallas, 503-623-2233. Interim Pastor - Al Berg. Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.; Kids Church during 10:00 a.m. Worship. Youth Group HS/MS 11:30 a.m. Sundays. Wednesday evening Contemporary Service 6:30 pm. Free Medical Clinic 1st & 4th Saturday of each month. [www.dallatluc.org](http://www.dallatluc.org). Catch us on Facebook.

**United Methodist Church** - A church with Open Hearts, Open Minds & Open Doors. 565 SE LaCreole Drive, Dallas, 503-623-2481. Rev. J. Quinton Kimbrow, Minister. Worship Service 11 a.m. Sunday School for Adults & Youth, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for Children during worship service. Child-care available. Handicap access. All are welcome! Email: [dallasumc@questoffice.net](mailto:dallasumc@questoffice.net) Website: [www.sites.umcdallas.com](http://www.sites.umcdallas.com)

**Valley Life Center (Assemblies of God)** - 1795 S.E. Miller Ave., Dallas, 503-623-4116. Lead Pastor: Chris Barker; Associate Pastor: Ted Gibson; Children's Director: Crystal Barker; Youth Director: Kirk Bathke. Sunday Morning Service 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m. Please call for more information or visit our website at [www.valleylifecenter.com](http://www.valleylifecenter.com)

## FALLS CITY

**Falls City Christian Church** 233 S. Main Street, Falls City, Oregon 97344, 503-787-3104 Sunday Service: 10 am; [www.fallsci-tycc.com](http://www.fallsci-tycc.com)

**Falls City United Methodist Church** - 242 N. Main Street, Falls City, 503-851-3213. Pastor Rebecca Strader. Morning worship Sunday 9:20 am. All denominations are welcome. [www.fallscityumc.org](http://www.fallscityumc.org)

**Seventh-Day Adventist Church** - 205 N. Main, Falls City 97344, 503-787-3907. Pastor Lary Brown. Sabbath School Sat. 9:30 am-10:40 am; Worship Service 11 am. Community Service Center (Food Bank) third Wed. of each month, noon-3pm.

## INDEPENDENCE

**Buena Vista Community Church** - 11355 Church St., Buena Vista. Independence. Pastor Larry Lyon. Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

**Cornerstone Church of God** - 4395 Independence Hwy, Independence, 503-838-5119. Sunday Service and Children's Church 9:20 a.m. Nursery available. Wednesday Kids Klubs 6:30 p.m.. Thursday Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

**First Baptist Church** - A warm, friendly church that cares about you! Located at 1505 Monmouth St., Independence (across from Central High School); 503-838-1001. Senior Pastor Michael Parks. Sundays: Worship Service 11 am Wednesdays: AWANA 7 pm (during the school year). Thursdays: Youth Group 6:15pm. Join us for small groups and life groups throughout the week. First Baptist Church has ministries for children, youth, adults, families and seniors, throughout the week. Check us out at [www.independence-firstbaptist.com](http://www.independence-firstbaptist.com)

**St. Patrick Parish, Catholic** - 1275 E St., Independence. 503-838-5801. Father Henry Guillen Vega Masses Sat., vigil 5 p.m.; Sunday 9:30 a.m. (English), 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. (Spanish); Weekdays Mon, Tues, Wed, & Thurs. 9am, Saturday 7 p.m. (Spanish). Evergreen

Nursing Home; Holy Days 9 a.m. (Eng) & 7 p.m. (Eng/Span). Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 3:30-4:30 p.m. or by appointment. Religious Education: RCIA Mon 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Mid-High & High School Grades Mon 7:00-8:30p.m.; Grades 1-4 Tues. 7:00-8:30 p.m. WOU Campus Ministry: Mass Sun. 5:00 p.m. at 315 N. Knox St., Monmouth followed by a social hour.

## MONMOUTH

**Christ The King Christian Church** - Meets at 959 Church St. W., Monmouth 7:00 pm Saturday Night. Christ The King Christian Church is a conservative, contemporary, charismatic Biblical Church. At Christ the King we learn: the truths of the Bible, how to live Biblical truths, how to please God, and how to be a blessing to all people. Come and join us as we learn and grow together. Everyone is welcome. Wally Wildman, senior pastor. For more information call 503-623-2262. [www.ctkmonmouth.com](http://www.ctkmonmouth.com)

**Christ's Church Methodist & Presbyterian United** - Come care and share with us. 412 Clay Street West, Monmouth, 503-838-1724. Pastor Rebecca Strader. Worship Service 11 a.m. Call for information on small groups.

**Church of Christ** - 127 N. Heffley St., Monmouth, 503-838-2360. Minister - Jon Siegrist. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Worship Service 10:45 a.m., Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

**Faith Lutheran Church** - 200 Monmouth-Independence Hwy., Monmouth (the church with the lighted cross on the "S" curve). School Year Schedule: Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes 9:00 am; Divine Service of Holy Communion 10:30 am. Pastor Dallas C.R. Dubke. [www.FaithLutheranMonmouth.org](http://www.FaithLutheranMonmouth.org); 503-838-3459. Everyone is welcome!

**Monmouth Christian Church** - (503) 838-1145; [www.mymcc.cc](http://www.mymcc.cc). Lead Pastor: Sean Bitzer. Pastors: Ulysses Vela, Aaron Barnhart & Mary Weinbender. Sunday Service: 10am in Monmouth (959 Church St.), 11am in Independence (301 S. Main St.); Children's programming from birth to 5th grades every Sunday. Questions? email [info@mymcc.cc](mailto:info@mymcc.cc). Join us this Sunday in person or LIVE online at [www.mymcc.cc](http://www.mymcc.cc).

**New LIFE Ministries - we're growing in Polk County!** CHILDREN'S CHURCH NOW AVAILABLE! We are a God-loving, Bible-believing, non-denominational church body. This church is a little different, in that it's not just a church service, but is all about being a "service church". We strive to seek out and serve the needs of the community. It is our hope that God will use us to make a difference. Come join us! We meet at Henry Hill School 750 S. 5th St. in Independence every Sunday morning at 10:00-11:00 am. Our minister is Marion Seick. Feel free to call us at (503) 871-5207. Please come visit and worship with us this Sunday!"

**Praise Assembly** 189 Monmouth Ave S., Monmouth (locations in McMinnville and Willamina as well). Our English worship gathering is 11 am on Sundays, followed by a Spanish service at 2 pm. Kid's church available for 12 and under. Youth group meets at 9:30 Sunday morning. Other ministries include: Celebrate Recovery (Tues, 7 pm), College Bible study (Wed, 7 pm), and Spanish Bible study (Thurs, 7 pm). Please check our website for the most up-to-date information, [www.praiseonline.net](http://www.praiseonline.net), or call us at 503-837-0300.

**St. Hilda's Episcopal Church** 245 Main St. W., Monmouth, 503-838-6087, [sthildaschurch.org](http://sthildaschurch.org) Sunday Eucharist - 10:00 am followed by Fellowship. Children's Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:00 am. Wednesday Worship at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm. Nursery care provided. Call for periodic small groups and celebrations. All are welcome!