

FROM THE PULPIT

New church window bears three themes

By the Rev. Ray Isenberger
To the Blue Mountain Eagle

You may have noticed a new art work of stained glass in the city of John Day. Recently, a window on the church building at 300 West Main Street received a second stained glass addition.

Historically, stained glass windows were more than a work of art. Stained-glass windows were a way to teach people about the relationship between the Creator and His creation. Once techniques were developed to stain glass, early artisans joined the glass pieces with strips of lead. Today, the technique is very similar.

As with any expression of art, there is a meaning behind this new stained glass window. In fact, there are three themes incorporated into this new window.

First, there is a skull that represents death and the curse of sin. No person on this earth will be able to escape death. There is no escape from death. "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment..." (Hebrews 9:27) This is very bleak and hopeless. How can we ever find a solution?



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From left, First Baptist Church Pastor Ray Isenberger, Hillary Stokes, Barbara Williams and Ted Williams.

The answer is not with man, but with God.

Secondly, there is a profuse amount of blood. This blood is flowing from empty nail holes and a slit where the heart of Jesus was. This sacrificial blood of Jesus is the full payment for the curse of sin. It is the blood of Jesus that completely washes away past sins, present sins, and future sins. "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to

the riches of his grace..." (Ephesians 1:7)

The Creator wants a genuine relationship with you through the blood of Jesus. Nothing can wipe away your sins except for the blood of Jesus. "Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life..." (Ro-



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The new stained glass window at First Baptist Church in John Day.

mans 5:9-10)

Third, there is a star arising from behind the cross. This star is a guiding light of God's sure word of promise in a dark and evil world. "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day

dawn, and the day star arise in your heart." (2Peter 1:19)

God wants this day star to arise in your heart and bring you into a genuine relationship with Jesus. To know or see the star is not enough. Jesus wants faith to arise in your heart. This genuine relationship with God begins by a second birth. "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee. Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3)

Just like in history, the stained glass windows of First Baptist Church reveal God's communication to men, women and children. What you do with this revelation could change your life. Be open to the reality that your Creator is trying to reach you and you may just find out how good God is!!!!

On a final note, a very special "Thank You" goes out to Barbara Williams, Ted Williams and Hillary Stokes. These folks were instrumental in the creation of this stained glass window. With their help, the city of John Day has received another landmark pointing people to Jesus!

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SENIOR Outlook

Prairie City Seniors

Rose Coombs



PRAIRIE CITY – I forgot to go to the reception desk at the July 15 meal. Pam told me the week before they would be gone taking the granddaughters home. But I've been all over the state since then. There

was a little nagging voice in my brain saying somebody told me they were going to be gone, but I couldn't remember who or for what purpose. When I returned and saw Chairman Joe at the desk, I remembered. Norma volunteered to take over while I got other things organized. So I finally got to my "job" about half an hour late. Oh, well. As you can see, I'm not indispensable.

Monday, we were in Bend at the urologist's before 10 a.m. Then had to wait until 4 p.m. to see the spine surgeon. The plan he has for Derrol's neck is quite extensive and not guaranteed to cure the balance problem. So forget that for now. On Tuesday, we went the other direction to Ontario and Fruitland for 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. appointments. One doctor there encouraged us to go to St. Luke's Balance Clinic. Got their info and will pursue that.

So, by Wednesday this body was t-i-r-e-d. After dinner we watched "Rambo III." Nice relaxing movie.

Buzz, Bruce and Joe did the set-up. Buzz led the flag salute, and Bob Meador asked the blessing. We had 72 names on the book. Sandi Rennels won the \$5 in trade gift certificate from Prairie Hardware and

Gifts, and Wanda Kaufman received the \$7.50 towards a meal donated by Chuck's Little Diner.

We had a Mexican meal, with iced tea served from the lovely dispenser on the side table. JoAnn, Gary and Marlene brought us refried beans, lettuce, tomato, cheese, olives, marinated veggies and the hamburger sauce on a taco shell, topped by sour cream. Sandi even had two, and she ate them all. Did take the dessert home, though, to save for later – banana cream pudding with vanilla wafers topped by whipped cream.

Ivan and Ralph Nance and their two guests came again. Doesn't his yard look nice? Cousin Al and Diane also were in attendance.

The grapevine report: closing in on 5 feet, 5 inches. The morning glory has a blossom! And it's climbing the rose stalks to get to the trellis. We added some help in the way of old baling twine to bridge the gap. By the next morning, the vine had made three turns around it. Wow and holy cow. That last expression is probably a violation of the third commandment.

Have started writing "Ding-a-ling" music for Christmas on the Prairie; that helps keep you cool. Trying to condense Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride" to a manageable length so the chimers' arms won't get too worn out. It will probably be a lot slower ride, too.

If you have a free hour and a half on Wednesday morning, come join us. As reported on the news, people need to stand up and move more. This fills the bill.

Exodus 28 : 34, 35 " ... a ... bell ... shall ... sound {and} be heard ... when {they} go in ... "

We really enjoyed and appreciated it.

Sherry Feiger and Jean Willey delivered 26 meals, with cook Shay Lewis taking the Mt. Vernon route in Veanne's absence. Our servers were from United Methodist Church. Jean Willey led the flag salute, and Sherry Feiger asked the blessing. David Pasco and Ron Dowse worked the desk.

Ron Dowse did the announcing, and thanked Eldon for the music. He also thanked Linda Stoltz for the art work decorating the walls. Sherry announced that Nelda Coe from Prairie City had a stroke and was flown to Bend. She asked us to pray for her and her husband.

Ansel Krutsinger, the financial advisor for the Senior Center, gave a report on our trust fund. We have reached our original goal and he urges us to continue saving.

We had several guests: Kim Ausland brought the Valley View bus down with Chuck Corwin and Billy Drinkwater. Chuck's daughter, Linda, joined them with her grandson, Mason, from Seattle. Also attending for the first time were Phyllis Gregory and Yvonne Majors from Canyon City, and Harold Grount and Ralph Davis from John Day. A big welcome to all you folks and we hope you will come back.

Sandy Hawk won the Chester's Thriftway gift certificate, and Mike McCurdy won the Valley View lunch for two.

On Thursday, July 23, we'll have beef cottage pie with mashed potatoes and green salad. On Monday, July 27, it will be pulled pork sandwiches with cauliflower salad and peach crisp for dessert.

Luke 2:14 "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, goodwill toward men."

John Day Seniors

Alma Joslin



JOHN DAY – On July 13, we had Italian stuffed peppers in marinara sauce with oven fries, corn, cornbread and cottage cheese/tomato salad. Lisa whipped up some cherry turnovers for

dessert. We only had approximately 28 diners. Buz and Bobbie Gilmore and Jeanette Kile delivered 22 meals, and then 16 frozen ones to shut-ins.

Marianne Morris and Ron Dowse greeted us at the desk. Our servers were from Redeemer Lutheran Church. Bobbie Gilmore led the flag salute, and Buz asked the blessing.

Veanne Weddle announced there has been an opal ring lost, possibly around the Senior Center. If you find it please turn it in.

Buz Gilmore won the Len's Drug gift certificate, and Helen Bogart won the free meal. Congrats, folks.

On July 16, we had approximately 60 diners for a wonderful lunch of cheesy, mushroom-smothered chicken breasts, baked potatoes, Italian green beans and grilled Texas toast, and for dessert, orange parfait and homemade chocolate chip cookies. The entrée was furnished by Ansel Krutsinger, who joined us for lunch.

Preceding lunch, we had some wonderful country dancing music from the 40s-80s, played and sung by Monte Eldon from Great Falls, Mont. More recently, he's from Yuma, Ariz., and Vancouver, Wash.

Monument Seniors

Soo Yukawa



MONUMENT – Whew, just got back in from being outside in my garden. Some kind neighbors, Roy and Carolyn Peterson, came to help me put more fencing on my garden. I had been having a fiasco with the deer coming in

and nibbling away all my hard work. I thought having to deal with pesky squirrels was bad – having deer is definitely ten times worse. My neighbors heard about my deer problem, brought some fencing they had and we managed to put it up. My poor hubby is sick with the flu and couldn't help. God is amazing in His faithfulness and provision.

I wracked my brain as to what I was going to do before that deer was going to decimate my garden. This particular deer kept nibbling on my pepper plants down to the nubbin, chomped on my potato plants, and the last straw was when she nibbled down the leaves of my new raspberry leaves that I got from another neighbor.

This deer brought a friend to join in on her feasting the other day. I saw them just outside the fence when I went down to water. Another friend gave me a bottle of genuine coyote urine. I tied some cloth around the fencing and dribbled a bit of that stuff and it did stink. I

think it helped a little bit, or temporarily anyway. I dribbled it on some of the little raspberry leaves that survived the munching, for good measure. I did get a certain pleasure thinking if the deer tried to eat it, it would get a mouthful of stinky coyote urine. Snicker.

So, on with the July 14 senior news. We had 50 attendees and seven take-outs. Our greeters were Bob Blakeslee, Bodean Anderson and Marva Walker. Bob led our flag salute, and Bodean prayed the blessing over our meal. Our wonderful cooks were Terry Cade and Heather Bowlus. We miss Carrie Jewell, and hope she comes back soon.

We had fried fish and chicken, French fries, salad and peach cooler cake. Ellie Lucas won the Len's Drug gift card, and the free meal winners were Ron Odett and Maybear Bruce.

Sharon Falls got home from the Bend hospital. She is doing well and on the road to recovery. Her son and friend are staying with her and Ed for a couple of weeks to help out. Thanks to all those helping by bringing a dinner for them. Meals have been scheduled until Wednesday, July 22. Anyone who wants to help can call Sharon and Ed to find out what days are available.

Love my community! I love how just people come together to help each other out. We are truly blessed here in Monument.

Psalms 103:1-2 "Bless the LORD, O my soul: And all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

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