

November 2009 Edition

“HEAVENLY HERALD” NEWSLETTER

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Sherry Orton, Bible Study

Church of God 7th Day
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11:00 am Bible Study
12:00 pm Worship Service & Sermon
1:00 Potluck Open to the Community

WELCOME
to the

“Biggest Little Church in Town



CHURCH NEWS:

- **Our blessings overflow!** Our church body has been blessed with so much, that our cup overflows. In October, we were invited to visit Sis-Q Meadows for our annual church picnic. Pastor Rich and Dollie were magnificent hosts, and we thank them from the bottom of our hearts for making us feel so welcome. Pastor Ralph delivered a short sermon, and a challenge to better ourselves in the area of judging one another through our words. He brought out a bag of stones, which he had carefully chosen and lovingly scrubbed clean. He offered each of us a stone of our choice, to carry with us as a reminder of John 8:7. We enjoyed a fantastic meal together, which was followed by a time of sharing, prayer and praise. We were then released to seek out adventures. There was hiking, paddle boating, tee-pee fun, sitting by the river or any place of your choosing. Later, we enjoyed a little water balloon toss. Marjean and Sonny were the champs! It was an incredible day of peace and joy. *(Keep those stones close, as the blessings continue to grow!)*

- **Please remember the “Helping Hands” ministry!** If you are able, please bring donations of non-perishable food and/or household items such as shampoo, soap, towels, wash cloths, toilet paper, paper towels, toothpaste, tooth brushes, etc. Use your imagination. Just think of the basic items you might need for everyday living. That’s what’s needed. Sometimes giving a little cash will help these families to buy specialty items or simply to pay a utility bill. If you can contribute in any of these ways, your help will be deeply appreciated by these families. Please read “Pastor’s Notes” on page 1 for more information. We would like to meet the needs of as many families as the donations can reach for Thanksgiving. We have so much for which to be thankful! May God bless you for your efforts and for your open hearts.

- **Prayer and faith in healing** - On October 10th, Erik von Gottsegne, Steve Stuckie, Jack Stuckie and Jessica Simpson were invited to share their team ministry of healing through God’s Holy Spirit with our congregation. So many were blessed and received healing through prayer and the ‘laying-on-of-hands’. Testimonies of miracles, the power of prayer and faith were shared. They revived an enthusiasm for prayer in the hearts of our congregation that will remain for some time to come. Erik said they had a great time, and would like to visit again! That would be wonderful. Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ is crucial to our eternal lives with God; and it’s of great comfort knowing that God is our great Healer.



PASTOR RALPH'S
NOTES OF ENCOURAGEMENT



Can you believe it? It's November and the year is coming to an end. The weather is turning wet and cold, the days are getting shorter, the trees are turning color and dropping their leaves. Preparations are being made to prepare for winter. Gutters are being cleaned, wood is being stacked, gardens are being readied for the snow, and winter clothes are coming out of storage.

And just when you could use a little more daytime, we have to set our clocks back, making the days even shorter. Many of us will worry about putting on weight during these months of relative inactivity. We tend to eat more and richer foods, especially on Thanksgiving Day. Winter is often a great time for families. Besides feasting and family gatherings on Thanksgiving, there are snowmen, snow angels, and snow trips; yet, the very things we look forward to can be the very things others dread.

Not everyone has a cozy home, plenty of food, warm clothing, family to visit, or a car that will take them on snow trips; however, we can help... and we will! This year, as is our custom, we will provide several families with food, clothing, and household items. In addition, we will give money to buy fresh food or perhaps pay a heating bill or buy gas for a car. We will be blessed by being a blessing to others. Truly, it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Our *Helping-Hands* supplies are running low and the money available is lower than it was at this time last year. I encourage you to give what you can as the Spirit leads. Supplies can be brought in via bags or boxes. Pastor Rich or I will put your gifts in the storage room. If you want to make a cash donation, write '*Helping-Hands*' on your offering envelope. Finally, if you know a family that needs this kind of help, contact one of the Pastors.

Now, I must get back to work. There are gutters to clean, leaves to rake, hoses to drain, and

Pleased to be yours in Christ,
Ralph

“But Jesus called the children to Him and said, ‘Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth; anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.’”

Luke 18:16-17

* See article under **“Children’s Ministry in Action”**, page 10

Upcoming Events & Community Activities:

Wednesday Evening Bible Studies led by Pastor Ralph Orton. Meet at 5:30 pm in the church cafeteria. Topic: "Church Core Beliefs About Hell"

Women's Luncheon on the third Wednesday of each month. We will meet on November 18th, 12:00 pm at "Ethereal Café" located at 208 SW "6th" Street in Grants Pass next to the Kitchen Store between "G" and "H" Streets.

Christian Music Jam: 1st Friday of each month at "The Grange" on Redwood Avenue, 6:00 pm.

Family Movie Matinee: November 7 at 2:30 pm following the potluck in the sanctuary. The movie is entitled, "Another Perfect Stranger".

Bible Forum: November 14 at 2:30 pm following the potluck. Bring a scripture that has impacted your life; and be prepared to share it, along with your story as to *how* it impacted your life.

Prayer Meeting: November 28 at 2:20 pm following the potluck.

Women's Luncheon Update: On October 21st, the ladies met once again at "Ethereal Café", located at 208 SW 6th Street. There were 4 in attendance (Mary, Charla, Vicki, Sherry). Others were unable to attend, due to a variety of reasons. We missed you! Though you were absent, we enjoyed our time together. All was well with the world.

Ethereal is a Christian business with the gift of hospitality. Stop by and introduce yourself sometime. While you're at it, please stop in next month and join us for lunch, as we honor our Lord and each other. It's a standing invitation!



In this economy, we need to work together to make certain that no one is lacking; so let's make sure we make our need for jobs known. By the same token, if you are fortunate enough to be able to offer a job to someone, then advertise it here.

Jason Poole: Discount Carpet Cleaning / Handyman, no job too big or too small. 541.441.0366

Valentine & Owings: Home Improvement (all types): painting, lawn & garden, fencing, etc. Free estimates. 892.6886

Free land! If you have free land (an acre or so), or know of somebody who can donate their land, please contact Pastor Ralph at 541-479-2440, as we are in need of a church building site.

Free travel trailer needed. Contact Jason Poole at 541-441-0366

(room for more ads here) Call with your ad info. 479-2440



“SHERRY’S MESSAGE”



PERSONAL TESTIMONY

“I learned the hard way that good does come from struggles.”

Did you ever ask God -- I mean *really* ask God -- for something important, only to get the very opposite of what you expected? That happened to me, back when the only thing I associated with God's blessing was good fortune; but then, a series of incredible circumstances set me thinking.

I prayed a special prayer of blessing for our family. I took a cue from Jabez, a godly man of the Bible, whose prayer for God's blessings was recorded in I Chronicles 4:10: *“Oh that Thou wouldst bless me indeed, and enlarge my border, and that Thy hand might be with me, and that Thou wouldst keep me from harm, that it may not pain me!”*

“What more could I ask for than that?”, I wondered as I prayed fervently for my family. The text confirms, *“God granted him what he requested.”* So, I too expected nothing but good to follow us ... all the way. But calamity followed. Our spirits were mighty low for the next several days; but all along, reminders of God's constant care were like speeding bullets, shooting through my discouragement. “God has allowed this”, my friends argued. “He'll provide what you need.”

Soon, I was believing it; and if I had not, the calls and gifts from friends and the letters from around the country would have convinced me. We recognized at once God's love through their generosity. Soon, we were all experiencing an overwhelming sense of well-being.

And as for my prayer for God’s blessing on us, well, I believe He answered it. Meditating on Romans 8:28 (*“We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose.”*), I learned what good fortune is to God: It is anything that helps make us more like Christ. By that definition, even trials can become blessings; because they help us grow spiritually.

Don't get me wrong, I'd never choose them; but I can tell you one thing about problems: If you hang in there and keep exercising your faith, you'll probably discover that the worst trials are the best ways of making you into the understanding, patient and loving person you were created to be.

There's another benefit, too. When you've watched God pull you through the worst, you realize that He can pull you through anything that comes your way. It's enough to take fear and anxiety out of the future.

Now, how's that for a blessing???

By Sherry on November 10, 1985

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BREWED COFFEE

A newly married young couple has returned from their honeymoon. On their first morning home, the husband tells his wife, that they need to sit down over a cup of coffee and discuss what their roles are as husband and wife. While sitting at the kitchen table, he asks his wife if she has the coffee made. She promptly answers him, "Well, no, honey. Making coffee is the husband's job!" He responds with, "Now where did you ever get that idea?" A little indignant, she says, "In the Bible!" Her husband, being perturbed, asks her where in the Bible she read such a thing.

She immediately reports,
"In *He Brews*, of course!"



DID YOU KNOW?

Tarsus (tär'sus, Turk. tärsoos') [key], city (1990 pop. 191,333), S Turkey, in Cilicia, on the Tarsus (anc. Cydnus) River, near the Mediterranean Sea. It is an agricultural trade center; copper, zinc, chromium, and coal are mined in the region. Ancient Tarsus, first mentioned in the 8th cent. B.C., was the capital of Cilicia and one of the most important cities of Asia Minor. It reached the height of its prosperity and cultural achievement under Roman rule. The city was destroyed by the Arabs c.A.D. 660 and was rebuilt by them in the 780s. It was captured by the Ottoman Turks in 1515. **The apostle Paul was born there.**

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Five Millennia of History

Founded at the start of the third millennium B.C., Tyre originally consisted of a mainland settlement and a modest island city that lay a short distance off shore. But it was not until the first millennium B.C. that the city experienced its golden age.

In the 10th century B.C. Hiram, King of Tyre, joined two islets by landfill. Later he extended the city further by reclaiming a considerable area from the sea. Phoenician expansion began about 815 B.C. when traders from Tyre founded Carthage in North Africa. Eventually its colonies spread around the Mediterranean and Atlantic, bringing to the city a flourishing maritime trade. But prosperity and power make their own enemies. Early in the sixth century B.C. Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, laid siege to the walled city for thirteen years. Tyre stood firm, but it was probable that at this time the residents of the mainland city abandoned it for the safety of the island.

More trivia found on www.middleeast.com/tyre.htm

Children have an endless well of creative energy. It shows up in the whimsical lyrics they sing, their imaginative play, and in their innate ability to make something out of anything. Because they don't fret over what anyone else will think,

they are free to live an authentic life that reflects their unique style.

(Courtesy of www.icafo.org)



We have a lot to learn from our children about being the very person God created us to be! Jump in, and be creative in your own lives. Enjoy God's blessings!

Organizing the Storage Room ...

It finally happened! The storage room has been organized! *Woo-hoo!* On Tuesday, Pastor Ralph, Marjean and Sonny met at the church to sort out the piles of clothing, food pantry, and generally organize the room. We're good to go on women's clothing, but could use **men's and children's** clothing donations. We'll need a full closet for winter. Men's and children's shoes, gloves, socks, and coats are the most pressing. Everything is appreciated. Our food pantry is nearly empty, as we have given much of it away in the past month or so; so please bring what you can. Thank you so much! May God bless you.

“HEAVEN’S TREASURES”

Written by Sonny van Kempen

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The Bible teaches that materialistically-driven people who love money will have a tough time entering heaven, for their treasure is of the world. We cannot serve two masters. We must clearly choose. We can serve “things”, or we can serve God.

One can work diligently towards the acquisition of material wealth, and when he has obtained it, he will sit amidst the rubble and cry out with great remorse at the tower of collected, useless garbage that sums up his life’s work. He has tangled himself up with his accumulated treasures. One day, he wakes up to the realization that he has failed, in that he is not truly happy. He is alone with his lifeless companions.

God, in all His wisdom, teaches of love. We can take love with us to our eternal home. We can. God is Love; therefore, if our treasure is in our hearts and embedded in our souls, and is indeed “love”, then we have lost nothing! There will be great rejoicing every moment of every day here on earth and in heaven, no matter whether rich or poor.

It is the wise man who sees what is to be seen with the eyes as being useless to the soul.



PRAISE IN SONG Original Lyrics by Mike Kostal

“FROM HEAVEN ABOVE”

There was *something* missing in my life,
an emptiness I could not fill.
I ‘*pretended*’ that I was strong.
I didn’t fool anybody, but myself.

But *I was wrong!*
I need you, LORD ...

There will come a time when *you* must choose
Who you will serve.
There will come a day when *you* must stand
for what *you* believe!

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PRAYER REQUESTS

October 24, 2009

For removal of prayer requests, or to request a prayer, please call 541-479-2440.

Please pray for:

Our Church Congregation, for the Holy Spirit to unite us in love through Him.

Our Church Building, that God will bless us with free land to build His church upon.

Seeds Planted, that we will continue to plant seeds for the Lord; and those planted will yield good fruit.

World Leaders, will seek God's counsel; and that Christians will have a burden to pray for them.

Christians Around the World, to be aware of government restrictions & prepare for persecutions that lie ahead; safety for all missionaries; and that freedom of worship continues.

Israel & the Middle East, for peace, the return of our Messiah, & love of the Israeli people.

Lost Loved Ones, to find God.

Children of the World, that they will come to know Jesus, and be guided by His Holy Spirit

Children, safety from sexual predators and other perpetrators of crime against the children.

Teens, will turn to God, have hope & coping skills in prevention of suicide; & that pregnant teens will make informed choices.

All Families, for marriages to be held together in unity through their faith in God.

Homeless, for shelter, food & healing; and that they will know God's love & the love of others.

Women's Fellowship Luncheon, for their close bond to continue to grow & good fruits to be produced.

Our Thoughts, that God will guard our thoughts & He will put a protective hedge around us.

Godly Sorrow, which leads to repentance, as repentance leads to salvation.

Ralph, Sr. for God's leading as he pastors the church.

Sherry, as she teaches Bible studies.

Michael, strength in the Lord.

Alex, that God will provide a job for him.

Ray & Jan, need help as they are enduring a fair amount of difficulties.

Nichole for a returned will to live, be happy, a touch from God; for the parents of Nicole's friend.

Tasha, that she will continue to allow God's leading.

Chris continued growth and strength in the Lord in her new walk.

St. Jude's Church, blessings & growth through the Holy Spirit; and for a good relationship with us.

Tom, for his family and ministry.

Rich & Dollie's Ministry, continued healing for Dollie, healing for her daughter, son-in-law & Kylie; for Godly sorrow for Devan & Derek; healing for Devan from the Swine Flu, asthma, bronchitis, and pneumonia.

Phil, will turn to the Lord.

Don, to find gainful employment.

David, who needs the Lord.

Eric, for continued healing, a good quality of life; and that God is glorified in his healing.

Dude, two year old boy who needs continued healing of his heart.

Zeldna, for healing & blessings; and for her friend, Carol.

Ruby, as she deals with Alzheimer's. Pray for her peace.

Cynthia Teresa, who is in a Texas prison, that God will protect her from prison guards & lesbianism, and put a protective hedge around her. She needs courage, strength and hope.

Mike, for guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Nadia, complete healing from her diabetes & intestinal issues.

Charla, for their house sale in God's timing; for peace, joy & strength in the Lord for her family; for her sons; for Charla's good health, peace & joy; & for an unspoken request; salvation for Alonda & her family, Tom & Lindemann;

Tom & Charolette, their family's salvation.

Tom, that God will give him a calm, even temperament, peace & healing.

Tom, healing and guidance.

Tom, continued healing.

Steve, healing, delivery from alcoholism; and that he will know the Lord.

Tom, delivery from tobacco.

Steve & Mike, delivery from alcoholism & other health issues.

David, deliverance from drug abuse.

Gary, to stop abusing his girlfriend, Carla; and for her safety.

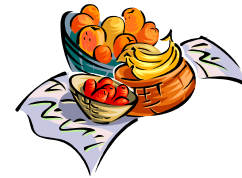
Trisha, continued strength in the Lord.

Matt, for God's guidance & peace, and freedom from worldly addictions.

Sonny, house sale in God's timing; healed shoulders and; & her neighborhood's safety from 4 men intruders;
Patricia & Rolf, an unspoken prayer.
Terry, Shalii & family, blessings on their family and business.
Matt, for God's guidance & peace, and freedom from worldly addictions.
Isaac Brink, for a calm spirit & joy in his life.
Grady & Kendall, for blessed finances; **Jodie**, financial blessings.
Sue, healing. She has a blockage in her neck to her brain, bleeding & swelling in her brain.
Larry & Rita, that they will find full-time work.
Terry, for healing, strength & perseverance, as he struggles from serious health issues.
Dale-Marie, that she will be blessed with a good job and a loving husband.
Vera, for healing & peace.
Linda, will be blessed with a job in her field.
David, continued healing of his brain & substance dependency; and for normalcy.
Carolla, continued healing from her cancer, and a better quality of life.
Richard, healing from his Parkinson's Disease, & the ability to cope.
Andres, delivery from alcoholism & drug abuse; and strength in his recovery to not relapse.
Roy & Claudia, that God will bless them with good jobs & give them peace.
Patti Ann, healing of back, emotions & health issues; **Rich**, peace in his life & a good job.
Vic, healing of kidney, leg problems, & skin cancer.
Nehemiah, healing & well-being; blessings on his marriage; healing of his mom & dad.
Kelly, peace, comfort & healing from the loss of her husband, Michael.
Marjean & Vince, Jr., for their healing from the death of Vince.
Jay, who can't walk well & needs healing.
Jonathan & his parents, lift them up.
Claude, God's blessings & guidance in his ministry with the homeless.
Ginny, that God will give her peace & good sleep each night; healing on her throat, heart & other ailments; **Dick**, healing from his nose cancer removal & plastic surgery; **Valli**, healing from an eye infection and God's leading; for **Verl & Patty**; for **Vicky**, for healing; for a friend who can help her to understand her life; **Loretta**, healing of her left hip & restoration of health; & for Ginny's family members; **Barry & Heather**, for God's leading & to raise their child in the church; and for healing of Ginny's two granddaughters and their husbands; **Delores**, who has pancreatic cancer; **Candee**, for well-being & blessings.
Brandon, healing of muscular issues and a continuing witness for the Lord.
Healing Rooms, blessings as they grow internationally and locally.
John & Alda, for secure jobs; & for Asante.
Joe & his family, who lost his job, that he find another one; and for Asante's corporate VP.
John, needs steady work & a safe place to live.
Lindy, back surgery, spiritual & physical healing; & for Savannah; Lindy's mother's depression to lift.
Rebecca, healing for her & her son, Dominic.
Jason, stability in his job his life; & he needs a travel trailer or apartment, tires for his truck & axles for the car.
Christine, healing from lupus.
Israel, for peace & healing.
Lowell & Margie, for their salvation; and that **Roger's family** will return to the Lord
Jackie, for her peace.
Jerry, family & church, healing from cancer & many other attacks.
Don & John, serious Rheumatoid Arthritis.
Kathy, for return of good health & good breathing; for Ken's and Kathy's family to know the Lord; and for Chelsea; **Susie**, that she has peace concerning her job at the assisted living facility; **Jeanie**, continued healing.
Dan & Suzanne, God's leading for spiritual direction; and strength as they endure financial problems.
Robert, relief from back pain & healing.
Ryan, needs guidance, strength & comfort.
Grant, healing & delivery.
Roy, return of good health; for **Valerie** to have a better quality of life (leg issues).
Toni, comfort, strength and guidance in their family after her husband passed on.
Robus & Myra, for them to minister through God's leading.
Tom & Charolette, their family's salvation.
Lori, complete healing from her colon removal and upcoming surgeries.
Sherry, pray for her family.
Jennie, continued healing from her heart issues, and release from the hospital.
Richard & Gladys, and family as they are enduring difficulties.
Enfluenza, that God will guard people against the flu viruses and give healthy immune systems.
Ken, to continue in God's peace and contentment.



HEALTH TIPS



Do you have a deficiency in vitamin C or Calcium?

Offered by Ginny Sorensen

Vitamin C, one of the most important antioxidants in the diet, is necessary for the body to form collagen in bones, cartilage, muscles and blood vessels. It is found in many fruit and vegetables, especially citrus fruit such as limes, and oranges. Vitamin C also aids in the absorption and metabolism of iron and copper. Adequate amounts of vitamin C supports the body’s normal response to inflammation, as well as, maintains cardiovascular health, cellular health, prenatal health, eye and skin health, immune system health and bone health, especially for older men.

Calcium, along with vitamin D, builds and maintains bones and teeth. This nutrient also regulates heart rhythm, supports normal sleep patterns, and helps regulate the passage of nutrients in and out of the cell walls. Additionally, calcium assists in normal blood clotting, helps maintain proper nerve and muscles function, supports already normal blood pressure, and normal blood cholesterol levels. A calcium deficiency, however, may result in arm and leg muscles spasms, softening or brittle bones, back and leg cramps, osteoporosis and tooth decay.

* Taken from “The Prescription for Nutritional Healing”, 4th Edition, by Phyllis Balch, CNC

*** Remember to always consult your physician before using any health aid or health product.**

A Few Additional Facts ...

Vitamin C builds body resistance to bacterial infection, strengthens the walls of blood vessels, helps in healing wounds, and is needed for the building of bones and teeth.

Vitamin D is known as the “sunshine” vitamin. It helps to regulate the use of calcium and phosphorous in the body, prevents rickets, and forms strong bones and sound teeth.

Vitamin E maintains good muscle tone, helps tissues to better utilize oxygen, improves circulation, essential for reproduction, and aids in the healing process.

Heavenly Feet - Warm water, about 1/4 cup of epsom salt, and a splash of peroxide. Your feet will sparkle! (Dr. Valerie Saxon)



offered by
Robert Canelli

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Gay Rights Marchers Declare: 'We Won't Back Down'

By Brett Zongker, Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON - Rainbow flags fluttered above the White House as tens of thousands of gay rights supporters rallied to demand that President Barack Obama keep his promises to end discrimination against gays and also let them serve openly in the military.

"Hey, Obama, let mama marry mama" some chanted Sunday. Others cried out, "We're out, we're proud, we won't back down."

Some taking part in the National Equality March woke up energized by Obama's promise to end the ban on gays serving openly in the military.

He made that pledge in a speech Saturday night to the Human Rights Campaign, nation's largest gay rights group.

The chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee said Sunday that Congress will need to muster the resolve to change the "don't ask don't tell policy" - a change that the military may be ready for.

"I think it has to be done in the right way, which is to get a buy-in from the military, which I think is now possible," said Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich.

Joining the march were 20 cast members from the musical, "Hair". They chose to let a Broadway matinee show go dark to come march and were led by the show's star, Gavin Creel.

"I take him at his word," the 33-year-old Creel said of Obama afterward. "This is just the beginning."

Those marching listened to activists such as Cynthia Nixon, a cast member from HBO's "Sex and the City," who hopes to marry partner Christine Marinoni next year; and Judy Shepard, whose son Matthew was killed because he was gay.

During the rally at the Capitol, keynote speaker Julian Bond - chairman of the NAACP - linked the gay rights struggle to the Civil Rights movement, saying gays and lesbians should be free from discrimination.

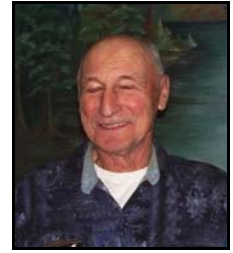
"Black people of all people should not oppose equality, and that is what marriage is all about," he said.

"We have a lot of real and serious problems in this country, and same-sex marriage is not one of them.

The article goes on to say:

Pop singer Lady Gaga, who is bisexual, got some of the biggest cheers Sunday. She didn't perform but pledged to reject homophobia in the music industry and support her "most beautiful gay fans in the world."

HOW POLITICS AFFECT CHRISTIANITY submitted by Claude Sorensen



Mini-Stonehenge Backs Funeral Theory

A discovery near the famous Stonehenge monument in southwest England may confirm the theory that the mysterious stones were part of a massive funeral complex built near a river, researchers said Tuesday. The find, a smaller prehistoric site uncovered last month, is being called "Bluehenge" because of the color of the stones placed there about 2500 B.C. They have since disappeared, leaving only the holes made when the stones were put in place. Researchers believe the newly discovered stone circle and the larger Stonehenge may mark a "domain of the dead" linked to the "domain of the living" by the River Avon.

Farmers Torch Hay on Paris' Champs-Elysees

Farmers demonstrate on the Champs-Elysees in Paris by burning tires and straw today (Associated Press [World])

PARIS - French farmers struggling with slumping grain prices blanketed the Champs-Elysees with bales of hay and set them ablaze today, and blocked highways around the country as they demanded government help. About 150 farmers blocked traffic and unloaded hay and tires onto the most famous shopping street in Paris. The protesters set the hay on fire before firefighters quickly extinguished the flames. Grain farmers were staging nationwide protests to call attention to their debts and other difficulties that have mounted as food prices have fallen from record highs in 2007. Protesters disrupted traffic on several highways, from Toulouse in southern France to Calais on the English Channel and Moselle in the northeast.

Bank of America Loses \$2.24 Billion in Quarter

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Bank of America Corp. said today it lost more than \$2 billion in the third quarter as loan losses kept rising, providing further evidence that consumers are still struggling to pay their bills. The nation's second-largest bank, which lost \$2.24 billion after accounting for preferred dividends, said its losses for failed loans came to almost \$10 billion during the July-September period, up almost \$1 billion from the second quarter. The bank also added \$11.7 billion to its reserves to cover bad loans. Bank of America's results were aided by profit from investment bank Merrill Lynch, including income from bond, stock and currency trading. Its earnings follow the pattern set this week by Citigroup Inc. and JPMorgan Chase & Co., which also reported more loan losses during the third quarter as consumers struggled to keep up with their credit card and mortgage payments. Both JPMorgan Chase and Goldman Sachs Group Inc. reported big gains from their trading operations. Bank of America said it lost \$2.2 billion, or 26 cents per share, after accounting for the preferred dividends of \$1.24 billion. That compared with earnings of \$704 million, or 15 cents per share, a year earlier.

Recipe of the Month
By ANNARICCIJOHNSON, via internet

**ROASTED BUTTERNUT SQUASH
& GARLIC LASAGNA**

- 3 lbs. Butternut squash, halved & seeded
- 3 tbsp. vegetable oil
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 c. unsalted butter
- 2 tbsp. minced garlic
- 1/4 c. all-purpose flour
- 1 qt. milk
- 1 c. heavy cream
- 1 1/3 c. finely grated Parmesan cheese
- 9 no-cook lasagna noodles
- Salt & ground black pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat an oven to 450 degrees F (230 degrees C). Grease a baking sheet.
2. Brush the butternut squash halves with vegetable oil and season with salt. Roast in the preheated oven until golden and easily pierced with a knife, 45 to 50 minutes. Allow to cool for 15 to 20 minutes, then scoop the flesh into a bowl. Set aside.

3. Heat the butter in a large skillet over medium-low heat. Cook and stir garlic in the butter until softened. Stir in flour and cook for 3 minutes. Whisk in the milk until smooth. Bring to a simmer, and cook until thick, about 10 minutes, whisking occasionally. Stir in the butternut squash and season with salt and pepper. Sauce can be made 3 days ahead and refrigerated.
4. Reduce oven temperature to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Grease a 9x13 inch baking dish.
5. Beat the heavy cream until foamy in a large glass or metal mixing bowl. Gradually add the salt, continuing to beat until medium peaks form. Lift your beater or whisk straight up: the tip of the peak formed by the cream should curl over slightly. Set aside.
6. Pour 1 cup of the butternut sauce into the baking dish and place 3 lasagna noodles on top in a single layer. Spread half of the remaining sauce over the noodles and sprinkle with 1/2 cup of Parmesan cheese. Place another layer of noodles and spread the remaining sauce on top and sprinkle with 1/2 cup of Parmesan cheese. Place the final layer of noodles on top. Spread the whipped cream over the final layer of noodles making sure the pasta is completely covered. Sprinkle with the remaining 1/3 cup of Parmesan. Cover baking dish tightly with aluminum foil.

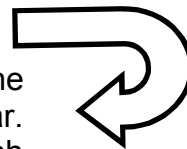
Bake in a preheated oven for 30 minutes. Remove foil and continue baking until the top is bubbly and golden brown (about 10 minutes). Allow to rest for 5 minutes before serving.



* **Garden or Household Tips** *
* offered by Charla Blankenhorn *

KEEP DRAINS FLOWING!

Sprinkle 1/4 cup of baking soda in the drain, followed by 1 cup of vinegar. Let it sit for 15 minutes, then flush with a pot of boiling water.



Scripture Readings for October

October 3 - Church Picnic at Sis-Q Meadows
Theme: "N/A"
October 10 - Guests: Erik von Gottsegne, Steve Stuckie,
Jack Stuckie and Jessica Simpson
Theme: "Power of Prayer, Faith and Healing"
October 17 - Psalm 1:3
Theme: "Strength and Prosperity in the Law of the Lord"
October 24 - I Thessalonians 5:23-24
Theme: "Sanctification Through Jesus"

Person of the Month



Kenneth Ogren

Our attention turns to Ken this edition, for good reason. He's a person of interest! Ken and his wife, Kathy, have been attending this church from the beginning; and he's been a Christian for many years. They sit quietly in our midst, with their loving and gentle ways, as we come together to worship our Lord. Ken doesn't say much, but when he speaks, he has a wisdom about him that causes pause to think. When help is needed, Ken is likely to be in the background humbly serving, lending a helping hand.

Ken has two daughters, & a son with whom he is very close. He also has seven grandchildren who adore him. He brought his children up in a Christian home; and it shows in their personal lives.

Ken moved to Oregon in 1962 or thereabouts, and began working for the Grants Pass School, District 7 as a mechanic and driver of their buses. That was the vocation from which he retired after many years. The school children, their parents, and faculty had a tremendous amount of respect for this *'quiet, lover of people'*.

His wife, Kathy, says that Ken is a wonderful person, loyal and self-sufficient. He's a good cook, too! Softball and fishing are his most favorite hobbies; but he also has a love for dogs. Kathy says "He's a good nurse", then added, "I thank God for Ken; and that God gave me another Christian husband."

Ken, we're so glad that you're part of our church family!

Stewart, November 10
Robert, November 14
Ralph, November 20
Sherry, November 27

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
OUR NOVEMBER
CHILDREN!!!**





Children's Ministry in Action!

written by

Rich Foreman & Dollie Newstrand

If any church is to have a healthy future, it is essential that they have a viable children's ministry.

Studies reveal that 75-85% of the people who make a commitment to Jesus Christ make the decision by the age of 18, or they never will. (Thank God that we all know that studies are not always 100% accurate.) The church ministers to the spiritual needs of children through a children's ministry program. The need for a children's ministry program is very evident as we see many young people enter into their teens and adulthood and decide not to follow Jesus. They *have not been prepared* to accept Jesus as their Savior.

Even if there are no children in a congregation at the present time, it is good to be prepared for them. The church that wants to "grow" must pray for new people to come into the fellowship, and be prepared for them. In knowing that someone is prepared to serve visiting children, members can feel free to invite friends to church. We want visitors, both parents and children, to enjoy their visit. It is important that parents be able to participate in adult classes, and to know that their children are also in a learning and positive environment. This will not happen unless we prepare for the possibility.

God's word says, "...to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ", (Ephesians 4:12-13). We, as a church body, have the privilege of praying and working together to prepare for the new families that will be coming into our fellowship. Let us partner together to reach the next generation for Jesus.

Philippians 1:3-11

Paul is writing to the church at Philippi on behalf of Timothy and himself.

{3} "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, {4} always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, {5} in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now. {6} For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. {7} For it is only right for me to feel this way about you all, because I have you in my heart, since both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers of grace with me. {8} For God is my witness, how I long for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. {9} And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, {10} so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; {11} having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God."

Decision to be Decided by the U.S. Supreme Court Judges

Salazar v. Buono

At issue:

Whether the government can permit the display of a crucifix

on public land as per the Establishment Clause.

Written by Dan Fletcher

The U.S. Supreme Court reconvenes for its 2009-10 term on Oct. 5, with most of the attention going to the court's freshest face, newly confirmed Justice Sonia Sotomayor. But Sotomayor and her eight colleagues won't have a lot of time for orientation: the court will start immediately on a docket of controversial cases that will call on Justices to consider new facets of the Establishment Clause, gun ownership and prison terms for minors, among other issues. In total, the Justices have already agreed to hear 55 cases in the new term.

An 8-ft.-tall crucifix has stood on an outcrop called Sunrise Rock on the Mojave National Preserve since 1934, but in one of the court's earliest arguments of the term, the Justices will be asked to consider whether it should be removed. The battle has been brewing for a while - the cross, erected without government approval, was slated for removal by the U.S. National Park Service after a request from Buddhists to create their own memorial near the site was denied. But in 2000, Congress hastily passed a law prohibiting the use of public funds to remove the cross, in essence tying the National Park Service's hands. Congress declared the cross a National Memorial in 2002, and in 2003 it gave the small parcel of land to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) - the group that constructed the original cross. (See TIME's photo-essay "Sonia Sotomayor, the Making of a Judge.")

The removal of the cross brings up the Establishment Clause, that long-debated line separating church and state that takes its name from the First Amendment (which begins, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion"). This case has been in the court system since early 2000, before Congress's involvement. The National Park Service's attempt to transfer the land to the VFW, per the 2003 congressional order, has been viewed by the lower courts as an illegal way of circumventing repeated rulings compelling it to remove the cross. (Once the land is considered private property, the Establishment Clause no longer applies.) The Supreme Court will be asked to sort out the issue - and ownership of Sunrise Rock - once and for all. *(Article info taken from the news portion of Yahoo! online dated October 4, 2009.)*

**** Note the impending impact this decision might have in deciding future statements made on behalf of Christianity through our right to express religious beliefs in the form of literature, art, monuments, inscribed scriptures, or other media that honors God in the United States of America, with or without the permission of the government. Become more aware of the events, which are shaping the future of our freedom to worship God as individuals around the world.***

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If you have items of interest that you would like to share with the rest of our congregation for the monthly newsletter, please gather them up during the month, and give them to Sonny on Sabbath. Make sure you get your golden tid bits in no later than the third week of each month. If you see a person's photo by an article, that's because that person has been invited to contribute to that category each month ongoing. Maybe you could give them short articles for their category from time to time. They most likely will share their spot.

Some items that might interest you, could be church history, current world events pertaining to the church in general, recipes, sewing tips, garden tips / household tips, spiritually inspired short stories (funny or serious), shared experiences you've had with other church members in our congregation (with their permission of course), personal writings, or writings from another author, your personal testimony, job requests or offers for our work-related ads, items for sale or trade, praises of thanksgiving and so on ...

Be creative! We'll look forward to reading all about it (whatever "it" might be). If our newsletter becomes too long, your item may appear in the next newsletter (if it isn't time-related). Thank you in advance for your contributions.

Please remember to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ and all other requests submitted on our weekly **"Prayer Requests"** sheet. As we lift others up in prayer, be assured that God hears each and every prayer that we hold up to Him. When you have prayer requests that need to be addressed immediately, you may fill out a "Prayer Request" form and drop it in the box on the sanctuary table by the door; or simply call 479-2440 to receive prayer on the **"Prayer Chain"**. You may also ask our **elders to pray with you.**

When you need private counseling, you may contact Pastor Ralph Orton at 479-2440. His desire is to shepherd this flock. During our **"Prayer & Praise"** portion of the weekly Worship Service, we encourage you to speak your prayer requests, and they will be honored at that time.

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