Sundays: Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.
WORSHIP: 10:30 a.m.

July:

Song Leader: Cheryl Hudson
Filling Communion: Becky Lester
Flowers: Becky Lester
Sanctuary pick-up: Becky Lester
Fellowship Hour: General Board

Those who serve August 2:

Elder – Carolynn Vaughan
Greeters – Phyllis Arnst & Leslie Hasse
Diaconate – Peter Rankin, Capt.
Communion Meditation – Carol Haddock

Those who serve August 9:

Elder – Shirley Cook
Greeters – Gail Hescock & Ginger Webster
Diaconate – Larry Knape, Capt.
Communion Meditation – Angie Bard

Those who serve August 16:

Elder – Cheryl Hudson
Greeters – Dennis & Lori Van Leuven
Diaconate – Pete Price, Capt.
Communion Meditation – Carolynn Vaughan

Those who serve August 23:

Elder – Mandy Treanor
Greeters – Delores Fisher & Carol Haddock
Diaconate – Peter Rankin, Capt.
Communion Meditation – Stacy Webster

Those who serve August 30:

Elder – Hank Hudson
Greeters – Becky Lester & Jeanette Tsiatsos
Diaconate – Larry Knape, Capt.
Communion Meditation – Leslie Hasse

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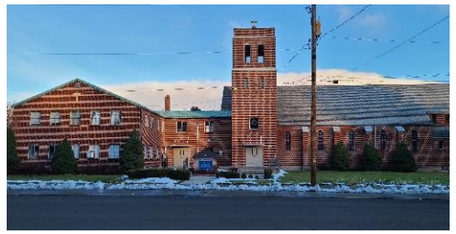
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The August 2 Worship in the Park is CANCELED DUE TO UNHEALTHY SMOKE CONDITIONS.

We will worship at the church at the usual time (10:30), followed by the potluck in the fellowship hall. Please join the Adult Bible Study at 9:00. Pastor Archie will be back.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Upon Pastor Archie's return, he plans to investigate with you the enormity of God's greatness. How great is our God? My own pastor, Jeffry, often says, "If we were able to completely understand God, He wouldn't be worth worshiping."

> *Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of His understanding. Isaiah 40:28*

Archie wants to explore recognizing God's greatness with you. How do we acknowledge it, live it, share it?

My question is, How do I respond to God's greatness? On my knees with awe, fear, and complete humbleness? With praise and worship? With the overwhelming desire to know Him more? With renewed commitment to submit in obedience to the ONLY being who knows best? With the persistent need to share Him with others? With joy overflowing in my heart? With baffled amazement that I get to live in eternity in His

goodness? With my entire being wanting to please Him with my life? Yes, yes, and YES! Living in the light of God's greatness is GOOD stuff! Friends, there is no better place to be.

When we get a glimpse of God's greatness, our hearts fill up entirely with His love and as this love overflows, we have an abundance of spiritual gifts with which to glorify God by loving those around us with our words and actions through the power of the Holy Spirit. This is what it means to be a Christian, to live for Jesus. It's a glorious life, given to us by a loving and merciful Father, full of grace.

> *For you were made rich in every way in Him, in all your speech and in every kind of knowledge—just as the testimony about Christ has been confirmed among you—so that you do not lack any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 1 Corinthians 1:5-9*

Brenda

Call to action: Make this personal! Meditate on Psalm 8 and revel in God's greatness. Spend some time talking to Him about His goodness and ask Him to fuel your desire to know Him more. Sing How Great Is Our God (if you don't know it, play it from Spotify or You Tube) or read it below. Know that God is good and deserves our praise.

How Great Is Our God

(written by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves)

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty
Let all the Earth rejoice, all the Earth rejoice

He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice

Chorus:
How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end

The Godhead Three in One: Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb

[Chorus]

[You're the name above all names (how great is our God, sing with me)
Worthy of our praise (how great is our God, and all will see)
My heart will sing
How great is our God] x2

[Chorus] x3

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Little Red Wagon Sunday will be August 9. Please bring TOILET PAPER & FACIAL TISSUES for the food bank. Thank you so much!

A New Members Potluck was held on July 12 to officially welcome our new members, **Halia Baybado, Brody Wallace, Kennedy Wallace, and Jessica Thomas**. We are so pleased to add them to our church family, and especially pleased that their lives are committed to serving our Savior, Jesus Christ!

Please welcome and encourage them as they join us as we each walk out our spiritual journey.

> *I thank my God every time I remember [Halia, Brody, Kennedy, and Jessica] because of their participation in the gospel from the first day until now. For I am sure of this very thing, that the One who began a good work in them will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:3-6*

Understand, therefore, that the Lord your God is indeed God.
He is the faithful God who keeps His covenant for a thousand generations
and lavishes His unfailing love on those who love Him and obey His commands.
Deuteronomy 7:9

NOTICE: There will be no Junior Church in the month of August! There are activity packets available for children that would like to use them during the worship service.

The K-House is having a clean-up day!
Join us on August 29 at 9 a.m.
Many hands make quick and light work!
Please contact Judy Lucius if you have any questions: 541-805-4018.

GENERAL BOARD



The General Board will meet on August 23, immediately following worship. The focus of this meeting will cover two items. The first is the fall kick-off celebrating the start-up of our fall programs. Each committee & CWF are to bring their ideas for something special for Sunday, September 13th. The second item will be the BIG fundraising auction and dinner to be held in October. ALL BOARD MEMBERS are asked to participate and support the work of the fundraising committee. There will be some areas in which each of you can help and will be asked to sign up.

This is an important meeting and ALL board members (which includes Elders & Diaconate), the CWF president, and the committee chairpersons are asked to attend. If you will not be able to, please see Carolynn to sign up to help at the fundraiser.

Oh, how great are God's riches and wisdom and knowledge!
How impossible it is for us to understand His decisions and His ways!
Romans 11:33

The Celebration of Life service for former member COLLEEN MAYBERRY will be August 8 at 1 p.m. at the Milton-Freewater Christian Church.

The CWF executive meeting will be august 19th at 10:30 a.m.
All outgoing and incoming officers are asked to come.
The first CWF meeting of the year will be September 2nd.

Disciples Women Snake River District

Fall 2026 Retreat

"You Are Enough: Empowering the Woman You are Called to Be"

August 28 4 pm—August 30 12 noon
Trinity Pines Conference Center

Join the Women of the Snake River District for a 2-day retreat. This year's theme is "You Are Enough: Empowering the Woman You are Called to Be" and Shari Eggleston, pastor of Centennial Christian Church and The View will be the keynote speaker.

BELL TOWER NEWS

The Parking Lot "Junk in the Trunk" sale was a success! Between sales and donations, $905 was made for the Bell Tower Restoration Fund! But as you can see from the thermometer in the narthex, we have a long ways to go to meet our goal. Several events are being planned!

Cherry Fair Bell Tower Restoration Raffle Table

August 15

Kari is setting up a table at the Cherry Fair to sell raffle tickets. We are looking for donations for big-ticket items, such as a rifle. Please get with Kari if you have any suggestions or donations. 541-910-6553.

Bell Tower Restoration Auction

October 8, 9, and 10

The auction will be on the First Christian Church website: firstchristianlagrande.org. Bidding will begin on October 8 at 8:00 a.m. and close at midnight on October 10. Minimum bids may be required for certain items listed. Some items included in the auction are a 3-night/4-day stay at a Sun Valley Luxury Ski Condominium (estimated value $2,464.24), a D & B Fire Pit (estimated value $150), 10 yards of gravel from RD Mac (estimated value $280), and 12 holes of golf from both La Grande Country Club and Buffalo Peak.

Bell Tower Restoration Fundraiser Dinner

October 13, from 5 to 7 p.m.

First Christian Church Fellowship Hall

Dinner will include homemade chicken noodle soup (noodles handmade by CWF), rolls, drinks and dessert. Cost is $10 for age 11 and above and $5 for children 10 and under. A raffle for prizes will also be held for those interested.



Church, we need to get word out to the community about these events! Send your friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors to the Cherry Fair Raffle table, direct them to our auction, and invite them to dinner!

The faithful love of the Lord never ends!
His mercies never cease. Great is His faithfulness;
His mercies begin afresh each morning.
Lamentations 3:22-23



This foolish plan of God is wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God's weakness is stronger that the greatest of human strength.
1 Corinthians 1:25