

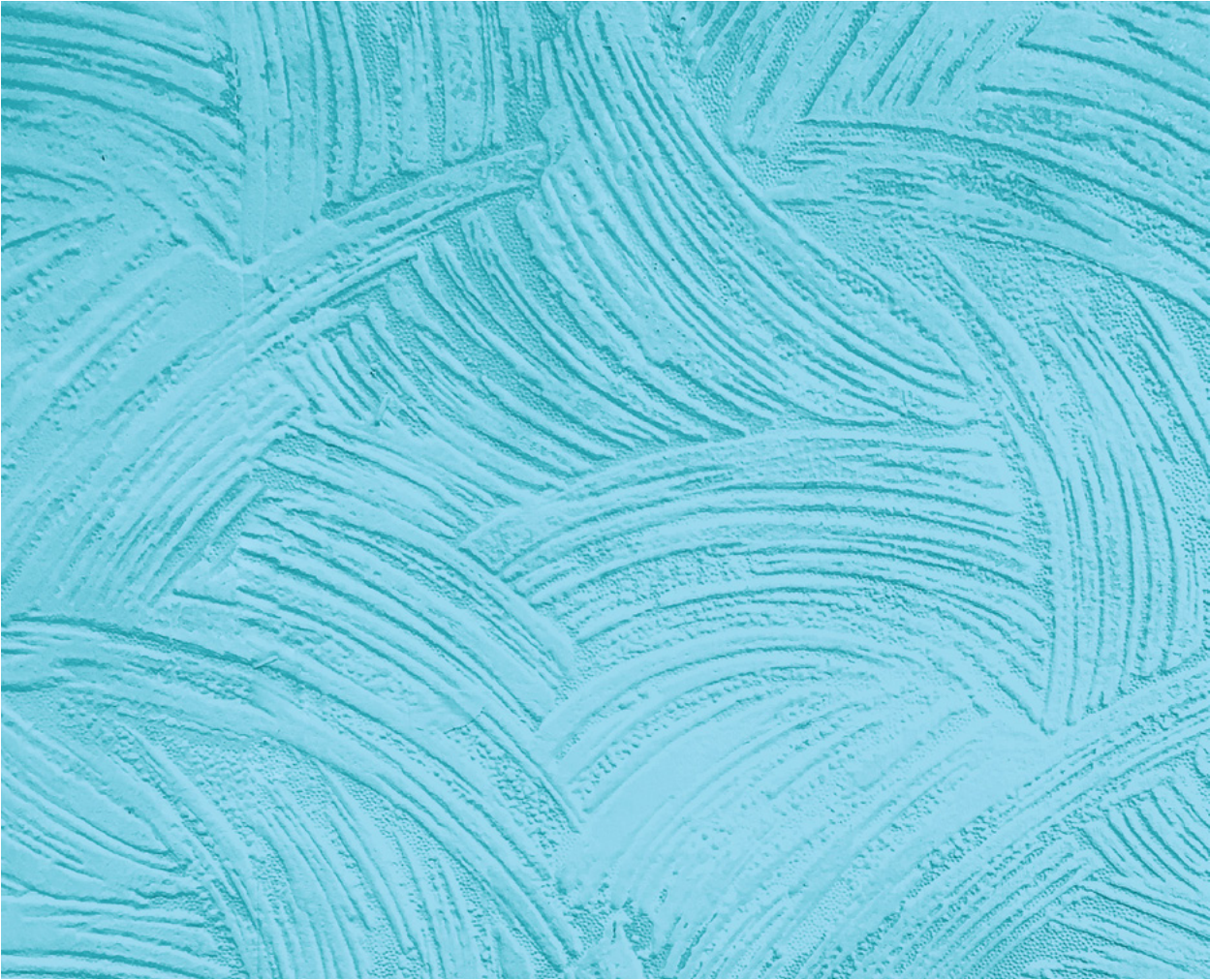


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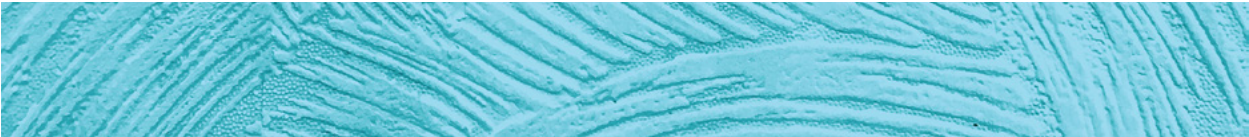
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CAMP STORIES

VICTORIA FLAHERTY & RACHAEL DUKE

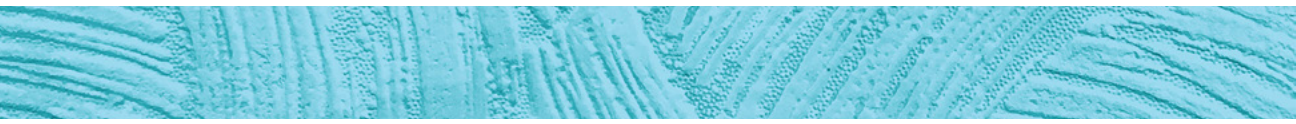


CALEB & CHANTAL AT FAMILY CAMP, 2022

VICTORIA FLAHERTY

I grew up camping. For as long as I can remember every summer was filled with countless camping trips, and when I was twelve hunting/camping trips were added in the fall and spring. By the time I was fifteen, I couldn't wait to go hunting and camp in the middle of the great outdoors. It was, of course, partly because of the anticipation of harvesting an animal, but I really was most excited to hear God speak to me. I knew that every time I went camping, I heard God's voice clearly and I couldn't wait to hear what He would say this time!

Each morning of one particular hunt I woke up



looking forward to hearing God, and each night I came back to camp disappointed that I hadn't heard anything. This happened the whole week. As a teenager who was wrestling through just about everything in life, I was upset and angry. God didn't come through for me where I thought I could count on Him to speak to me.

As we were driving away I was yelling at God, "Why didn't you speak? I came here expecting you to speak and you failed me! You always speak to me here and you didn't!" And that's when God spoke. Gently, He touched my heart and said, "But I don't *only* speak to you here." When

I heard that, my soul stilled and my heart softened. While I did tend to hear God better in the quiet of His creation, without the distractions of life, in my mind I had turned it into a religious place, the only place where God would speak to me. But in His kindness, God waited for the right moment to remind me that He loves to talk to me and He will do it every day if I will listen.

When we are camping, removed from everyday life, it might seem easier to be still before God. But that doesn't mean He won't speak at any point that we come to Him. He loves to speak to His children (that includes YOU!).



RICKEY, KEN, MARY KAY, EVAN, AND CAROLYN AT FAMILY CAMP, 2022

RACHAEL DUKE

During one of the church services at the camp they had a woman go up to the front of the church where there was a giant canvas and paint on the floor next to it. I wish I could remember the name of the song they played while she painted but I can't for the life of me remember. Anyways, as she is finger painting, I

realize she is starting to paint the cross. Jesus was now fully painted on the cross and this woman spread her arms to full length with red paint on her hands, matching where Jesus' hands would be, the music dropped and she pressed her hands to the canvas and swiped them down. Immediately I broke. The

realization of what Jesus had done on the cross hit me like a ton of bricks. I cried so hard with conviction and appreciation of God giving me, someone who truly didn't deserve forgiveness, a chance to be free and a life of eternity with Him. ■

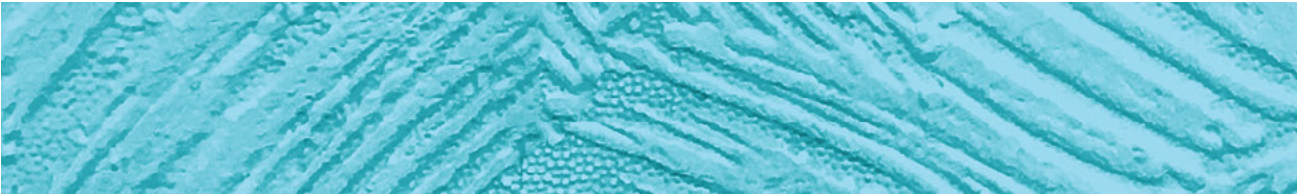


LOVENA, RONI, AND JORDAN ENJOYING
RUBY'S FLOOFINESS

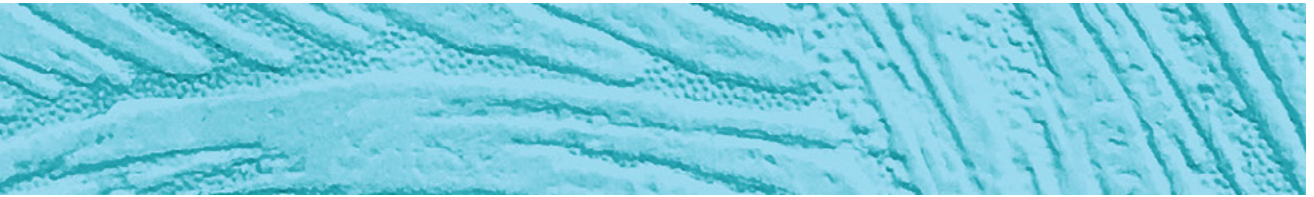


SUNDAY SERVICE AT THE CAMPGROUND, 2022

JUNE



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 Church	5	6 Mens' Bible Study	7 Family Camp	8 Celebrate Recovery	9	10
11 Church @ the Campground	12	13 Mens' Bible Study	14 TRIBE	15 Celebrate Recovery	16	17
18 Church	19	20 Mens' Bible Study	21 TRIBE	22 Celebrate Recovery	23	24
25 Church	26	27 Mens' Bible Study	28 TRIBE	29 Celebrate Recovery	30	



Family Camp: June 7-11 at West LaVerne Large Group Campground. See Page 7 for more details!

Church Service: Every Sunday Morning at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary.

Sunday, June 11, join us for church at the West LaVerne Large Group Campground.

Mens' Bible Study: Every Tuesday morning at 6:30 AM in the Sanctuary.

For more details, see Pastor Sam Flaherty.

TRIBE: Jr. High and High School Group, every Wednesday Evening at 6:30 - 8 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Celebrate Recovery: Every Thursday evening at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

For more details, see Bill Howell.

Do you want to be water baptized at Family Camp? Ask a pastor!



FAMILY CAMP

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7 - SUNDAY JUNE 11

Family Camp season is upon us! In the (almost) four years that I have lived in Coquille and have been a part of this church, one of my favorite yearly events has been Family Camp. Some of the fondest memories are made around a campfire with good people.

One of my favorite memories so far had to have been at my first Family Camp. We were sitting around the fire and had finished our worship time together. I caught the attention of Audrina, Debbie's granddaughter, and she and I walked across the driveway to

where my truck was parked. I asked her, "Hey do you want to prank Sam??" Her face lit up, and she was excited for whatever idea I was about to propose. We each loaded up a plate with a mountain of shaving cream, and we began to sneakily reapproach

the campfire where everyone broke into singing Amazing Grace. Every verse. Very slowly.

Audrina and I hid behind a tree that Sam had his back to. The only person to see us was Andy who knew instantly that we were up to no good. I motioned for him to keep quiet and pointed at Sam; he understood. Our hearts were racing with excitement and we couldn't wipe the trouble-making grins off our faces. At this point, Amazing Grace felt longer than Hillsong's live version of Oceans. Did you know that there is a secret last verse to Amazing Grace that sings, "Praise God" over and over? I learned that as I was hiding behind the tree about to burst into laughter with Audrina because of how long the song was lasting.

Then the song ended. And

it was very clear the whole circle of people was having a moment because they were just soaking in the silence after that. Both Audrina and I caught the vibe and we just stood there like a couple of nincompoops looking at each other like, "great, now what?" How long were we supposed to stand behind this tree with Andy's sniper eyes continuing to keep glancing back at us? Eventually, I just nodded at her to follow my lead. We both approached Sam from behind, one on each side of him. And I said, "Hey Sam, we sure do love you!" WHAM! Shaving cream smashed into both sides of his face, up his nose, behind his glasses, in his ears, and swirled into his hair. The circle erupted with laughter and "OHHHHHH"s, confirmation that Audrina and I killed the mood, but at least we did it well! Sam was a good sport, and he definitely got Audrina



back with some of the bigger globs of shaving cream that he wiped off his face.

This is one of my favorite memories because sometimes shenanigans give the space for bonding moments. Besides that, Family Camp is full of opportunities to connect relationally with one another through card games, s'mores and stories around the fire, campfire worship, and time down at the river or games in the field. We get to laugh, enjoy each other, share meals, and make new memories. Are you coming to Family Camp this year? ■

RONI

RONI DELMORAL



PASTOR SAM & ASHLY, EASTER SERVICE, 2023

Roni, one of Coquille Foursquare's own worship team members, has been playing the flute since she was nine years old. She also played in the South East Symphony in Alaska for five years.

► George Washington, James Madison, and Leonardo da Vinci all played the flute.

► The Prussian King, Frederick the Great, composed music (121 flute sonatas) and played it in his court by himself. He even commissioned Joann Sebastian Bach to write his solos for him so he could play them.

IT'S FLUTE FACTS

► The oldest of all musical instruments. The very first flutes were originally made from bone, jade, stone, wood, or clay.

► You can consider almost anything as a flute. The classification of the flute is so simple, that literally any hollow tube you blow air into to produce sound is a flute. Bottle of Coke? Flute. A PVC pipe? Flute. An empty Pringles can? Also, a flute.

► There is one flute which can play a note so low, you can barely hear it. This is called the hyper bass flute, which is the biggest in the family. It's 26 feet long and can play a C note lower than a piano's

lowest C note. It's so low, that you can barely hear it. This is because the note is out of range of normal human hearing capacity. I think an elephant could hear it.

► You can actually play the flute in a lot of different genres, including jazz and even rock music! If you have a certain level of mastery in the instrument, you can play the flute in most modern contemporary pieces without a problem. ■



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PLAYER*

TRUST & OBEY

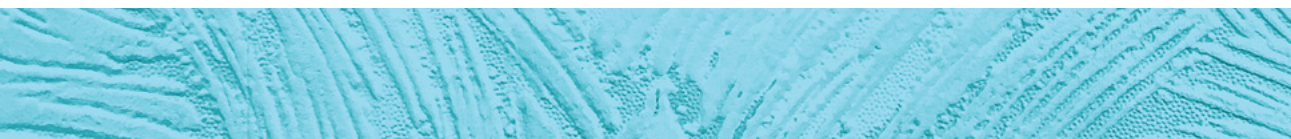
A TESTIMONY
KEN MAYNARD

An old hymn often comes to me while I am driving or awake in the night. It comes to me as it was the first time, as fresh and new when I was a young boy of 6 years in 1954. “Trust in the Lord” has been with me for 75 years (wow!) through many trials, many sorrows, and much reflection, consideration and prayers. It is like an anchor that holds me from the storms of life, knowing that the Lord is always present and the Holy Spirit dwells within.

So why do I still stumble, worry, get worn out, and endure trials and sometimes suffering as I go this pilgrim life? If we are honest with ourselves we all go through tough times. Even the apostle Paul went through trials and

tribulations and struggled with himself. Often we struggle with our own mind.

I find myself thinking that Sharon and I bit off more than we can chew, selling our home in California, leaving our daughter and two beautiful granddaughters, taking on building a half mile road through the trees, working through partitioning three parcels and getting permits, approvals by planning, zoning, fire department, State of Oregon Environmental, DEQ and still going, but finally, the end is in sight. During this three-plus years, and a dozen trips from California to Coquille, we have both survived COVID, Sharon having a brain operation, complicated by delays with



THE WORSHIP TEAM PRACTICING FOR EASTER SERVICE, 2023

sickness, adoption of our two grandsons (really at our age?), readjustment for retirement, and the post-COVID cost of everything inflating causing over budgets as we are all aware. To top it off, I have the start of memory gaps, legacy of my father's Alzheimer dementia.

Through all of this I will say as did Abraham, Joseph, David, and to so many men and women of faith, regardless of what it will cost: I will trust in the Lord, with all of my heart.

WHEN WE TRULY TRUST IN HIM, HE BRINGS HIS PEACE INTO EVERY SITUATION IN LIFE

He has never left us, nor failed to keep His word, and His promises that are still yes and amen! As Proverbs 3:5-6 says "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not

on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." The word of the Lord is precious and His promises never fail.

We have come to the place that trusting in Him and letting Him guide us through the good and bad of life, surrendering to Him and trusting and obedience that He wants of us. When we truly trust in Him He brings His peace into every situation in life. We then no longer need to worry, question or doubt. His love, peace and joy will fill your soul.

Sharon and I have come to love the Coquille Foursquare Church, the pastors, and so many of you that this is where we feel at home. We love Oregon, our church family, and we know that we are where we are supposed to be. Our decision to adopt the boys



PASTOR CAROLYN, LOVENA, TRACI, AND PASTOR SAM

in our golden years has been confirmed so many times. We find that as we trust the Lord, and obey His word, He will lead us to still waters and we can draw our strength from Him daily. Our son Nathaniel is also finding his way, both in the Lord and finding a renewable source of finances, and spending time with the boys as they are reunited with

each other. He has been a real blessing, and in the Lord's timing we are all growing together as a family. I must include my daughter Joanne, and her husband Steve who are Foursquare pastors, and our granddaughters who are leaning towards ministry, who we love so much, that they can be counted as trusting and obeying the Lord.

Remember that what the enemy has intended to steal, kill and destroy, the Lord has made into His Glory, and for our good.

Blessings to all as we trust and obey in 2023 while we live, love and trust in the in-betweens. ■

THE MEME DEPARTMENT

Roman soldier: Jesus is dead and his body is secured in his tomb

Jesus 3 days later:



MESSAGE BIBLE: Mama, I'm hungry

AMPLIFIED: Mummy, I am hungry (famished, starving)

NIV: Mother, I am hungry

KJV: Henceforth, let it be known unto thee, birth giver, that my belly consists of emptiness

If God ain't real, then explain this 🙄



Jesus: "Table for 26 please"

Waiter: "But there are only 13 of you"

Jesus: "Yes, but we're all going to sit on the same side"



Why can't Jesus wear jewelry

Why

Because he breaks every chain

Delete my number

BA DUM TSSS



If you can do all this with a potato, think of all God can do with you



MARY: Well, I just had a baby... in a barn. So, thanks to everyone who brought gifts. The gold, the perfumes. All things babies love. Also the child who inexplicably played drums, like, right in my face. This...this was great.

When you overslept and can't find Noah



John: I won!

Peter: Who's even gonna know?

John: *whispers* Everyone will know...

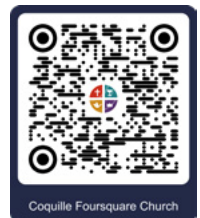
So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.
John 20:3-4

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