



A Word from Terry, our new Pastor

Today the seasons change. Yes, today (Sept. 22 at roughly 7 pm) the season changes from summer to fall. As the seasons change, we get to experience a change in temperature, the landscape takes on a different appearance, and we get to experience things that we might not get to experience during any of the other seasons.

Sunday, Sept. 27th will mark a change of season for Charlene and I as well as the Bride of Christ there in Culver. We will begin a season together that none of us have experienced before. But it is a season that God has already mapped out for us. He has planned beautiful experiences for us together and there may be some growing pains that we have to maneuver together as well. The cool thing is that we will grow together as a body of Christ and as individuals if we will allow God to lead us and use those times.

Charlene and I are excited, and honestly a little nervous too, to be joining the family there. There are a lot of unknowns that lie before us and for you. Our prayer is that we will join together in harmony (I was listening) and that we can grow, learn, and glorify God together during our season together. We hope to have some small group gatherings once we get there to help us get to know each other better as we start this season together. We are praying for you and we ask that you pray for us as we join you in a new season for Culver Christian Church. See you Sunday, October 4th!!

~Terry/Charlene



October Birthdays

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CELEBRATE



Joyful News



Hey everyone, guess who it is....NOT Rebecca. Should you stop reading here?...probably, but you won't, because you are wondering what this is all about and let me tell you, I don't know yet, but I will keep typing this until we figure it out! Why isn't it Rebecca?, you ask. Well, she didn't have any words of wisdom today: inspiration didn't become her; at least- not today. Who is this? you ask? It's her husband, youth group leader, dad, grandpa, the fun and horrible writer, Dan.

What words of wisdom do I have? Well, it has been a crazy last couple of weeks. I have learned a lot about things I never thought about before. A routine doctor's appointment turned into: hey, your thyroid is abnormal, get some tests done and let's see what's going on. It turned out to be some weird Japanese-ish sounding autoimmune disease, but explains changes that have happened slowly for years.

Slow changes happen without us realizing it. What starts off with one small thing, leads to another and another and at some point you think: why am i tired, getting old sucks, but here I am living with it. Small changes, good or bad, get you to a completely different place after a while. These changes seemed good at first. Look at that low heart rate, you must be healthy, good job! Then it turned into: your circulation is poor and your arms fall asleep. Pretty soon you are just tired and push yourself to do things that your body doesn't want to do.

Our lives are like this at times, we make a small change, either on purpose or subconsciously. The effects are small at first, almost not noticeable, but over time they add up to something that really changes how you feel, what you can do. If the road that it takes you down isn't somewhere that you wanted to go, there is hope, things can change. Whether it be some medicine you have never heard of or something else, like getting your heart right with God. Big changes can happen as long as you are consistent with doing what you need to do.

Another thing I learned this week is valuing what is really important. This has been an unforgettable week for our family for reasons that you'll probably never know. When things get hard, how you react, it will say a lot about you and shows where your heart is. I know even saying that may start some good rumors around the potluck table, but Hard times make you closer to the people who go through them with you if you keep the focus on the right place. Anyone around you could be going through a hard time, but putting on a smile and pretending everything is ok... but dying inside. Hard times can also bring you closer to God and can be a teaching moment if you let them. I know our family is doing good even after going through a time that could have ended very differently, but my smile is genuine and I love my wife and family more than ever. If that's not joyful news, well then they should put a different title on this, but it fits.

And signing off as guest joyful newser...the person you (and I) enjoy more will be back next month with more things to ponder. Cheers -Dan



Trunk or Treating Event for the Culver Community

October 31st

Looking for Volunteers to help us have a fun Halloween evening for our community. We would like to get as many participates or vehicles as we can at the Church, decorated and ready to hand out some goodies, and information about our youth programs starting around 4 pm. We would also like to offer hot cocoa and apple cider as it is usually cold! Also need a volunteer to help hand these out. For more information contact: Mulisa Randklev 971-678-1303

BAPTISMS

Heather VanAlstyne, Patricia Shaw and Rhonda Eichner were all baptized this past month. They kept Pastor Don busy this last month. We are so happy for each of them and if you haven't congratulated them be sure and do so. Who's next? Pastor Terry is ready to do his first baptism here.



JOY IN THE HEART

The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoices; and with my song will I praise him. - Psalm 28:7

This verse depicts a beautiful scene of joy that fills the heart when one relies on God. In the journey of life, we often face various challenges and difficulties. At such times, we need a power that surpasses our own abilities, a power that can only come from God. God is our strong support and a firm shield, protecting us from all evil and allowing us to dwell in safety under His care. When we experience God's help and protection, our hearts are filled with gratitude and joy. This joy is not merely superficial emotions but deep gratitude and praise that wells up from within our hearts for God.

May we entrust everything to God, and rely on His strength. In His love, we will find true joy, not only because He is our helper but also because He is our sole Savior, deserving of our reliance and praise.

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Potluck Sunday

October 4, 2026

- After service at the Culver Christian Church
- Bring a dish or dessert to share



Saturday Ladies Fellowship

When: September 10th at 11 am

Where: Fireside Room

Bring: a dish, potluck style

What: Come enjoy a time of fun, food, fellowship & an activity.

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Missions Corner



Shepherd's House

Our featured mission for the Month of October is Shepherd's House Ministries serving Central Oregon and beyond. Their goal is to foster lasting life-change in the lives of men and women struggling with trauma and addiction. Also, serving the homeless community with emergency shelter, food and supplies.

We believe grace changes everything which means we don't give up on each other. We know that deep healing can only happen in a community that is dedicated to authenticity, vulnerability and in the safety net of trustworthy relationships. Cash Lowe and Curt Floski are the Executive Directors and we have supported and partnered with them for years. Please be praying for the continued ministry at Shepherd's House and Cash, Curt and their families. Shepherd's House is open in Redmond and a couple locations in Bend, continue to pray for them as they minister those in need.

Biblesticks

A huge thank you for all who have generously given donations for our BibleSticks fundraiser to support those in the world who don't have great resources to hear God's Word. Donations have been amazing this year, we raised \$950 which will purchase 38 Biblesticks! Our goal was 30 this year & we exceeded that! And they have someone who will match funds again, so that's double the blessing!

-Serving Him, Jessica Locke, Missions Chair

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Serving as Deaconesses this month: Katy Schonneker Jane Hagman			1	2	3
4 Potluck Sunday* Jr church: Lola Nursery: Olivia	5 Ladies Meeting 7 pm (FS) Deacon Meeting 7 pm (3SR)	6 Kids Afterschool Program* 2:30-4 pm Youth Group* 6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study 6 pm (3SR)	7 Ladies Bible Study 9:15 am (FS)	8 AA meeting 7:30 am (FS) TOPS meeting 5 pm (FS)	9	10 Closing at Wilderness Lake Camp Ladies Fellowship 11 am
11 Coffee & Goodies Jr church: Rebecca Nursery: Katy	12	13 Kids Afterschool Program* 2:30-4 pm Youth Group* 6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study 6 pm (3SR)	14 Ladies Bible Study 9:15 am (FS)	15 AA meeting 7:30 am (FS) TOPS meeting 5 pm (FS)	16 CCIG Bingo 6pm*	17
18 Soup Sunday* Jr church: Rebecca Nursery: Dylanne	19 Board Meeting 7 pm (FS)	20 Kids Afterschool Program* 2:30-4 pm Youth Group* 6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study 6 pm (3SR)	21 Ladies Bible Study 9:15 am (FS)	22 AA meeting 7:30 am (FS) TOPS meeting 5 pm (FS)	23 	24
25 Birthday Sunday Jr church: Lola Nursery: Leanna	26	27 Kids Afterschool Program* 2:30-4 pm Youth Group* 6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study 6 pm (3SR)	28 Ladies Bible Study 9:15 am (FS)	29 AA meeting 7:30 am (FS) TOPS meeting 5 pm (FS)	30	31 Trunk or Treat

FS - Fireside Room * - Family Life Center
3SR - Three Sisters Room

Loving God. Loving People.