

# Arise!



A weekly email bulletin, brought to you by the Oregon City church of Christ.

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Ron Writes



## What is Truth?

Is there truth? Absolute truth? Objective truth? The majority of Americans (67%) say no. And, over half (52%) of those who call themselves “Christian” say no.

Life is hard. It can be confusing. What makes it work? We’re free to search for our own truth. Unfortunately, there are many paths with promise, but end in disappointment. A waste. This is the book of Ecclesiastes. Solomon’s search for meaning. For truth. He tried wealth, pleasure, education, he “denied himself nothing” and found nothing but emptiness and lies. We hear that your truth might not be my truth and my truth might not be your truth. What we’re saying is that we each think we’ve found the path to happiness. But there’s only one truth. At the end of a frustrating, empty search many broken souls beg to know as Pilate, “What is truth?”

Truth corresponds to reality. Solomon came to the conclusion that the ultimate truth is God. He is the ultimate reality. That’s where we are as Christians. We have seen the evidence and have come to the faith that God is ultimate truth.

The notorious infidel Robert Ingersoll persuaded General Lew Wallace to write a book exposing Jesus as merely human. Wallace accepted the challenge and did his due diligence of research. It ended with the book “Ben Hur” that depicts Jesus as the Son of God.

Christianity is objectively true. Truth is what it is whether I think so or not. Whether I find it so or not. Whether I feel it so or not. Jesus is the truth.

Sunday’s Sermon Reference: John 19:1-15

## Jesus' "trial" ends

### PRESENT WORSHIP OPTIONS

10:30 am - In-building Worship & Live Streaming

**UPDATE:** Sunday Bible Classes will begin  
TOMORROW, September 19th at 9:30 AM

There will be a class in the auditorium for the adults,  
classes will be held downstairs for the children  
and teenagers.

Our Worship and Live Streaming will begin at the  
regular time of 10:30 AM

## Prayer Requests

- ◆ After being exposed to COVID 19, On Thursday, **Linda Hochhalter** was moved to ICU and put on a ventilator, **Deon Waldo**, remains stable but will be in the hospital for several weeks. **Nancy, David, and Grandma Fay**, are both doing better and making improvement.
- ◆ Steve and David Partlow's Uncle, **Jim Mathews**, has been put on hospice. Please keep this family in your prayers
- ◆ **Our ELDERLY**, please pray for good general health.
- ◆ **Our STUDENTS**, as they begin to prepare to go back to school.
- ◆ **Our TEACHERS**, as that begin to prepare to go back to school.
- ◆ **ON GOING PRAYERS: Tom and Barbara Broadbent, Eric Zittle (Kristin Ruddiman's dad), Cary Swalwell, Rick Murphy, Tre Perry.**

If you have a prayer request or other concern,  
please contact Kalene  
by email—[occhurch@gmail.com](mailto:occhurch@gmail.com)  
or by phone at 503.317.1410

### FROM EDUARDO

- Prayers for **Frumencio Chavez** Irma's father who is in poor health and with depression, he is 93 years old, his wife died a few weeks ago and he no longer wants to eat or take his medicines.
- **Benito Ibarra** continues in treatment and rehabilitation.
- **Rosa Chapina** with stage four cancer.
- **Rocio Rodriguez** looking for work.



## Around Our Area

**OUTDOOR School at Camp Yamhill** is in need of volunteers. We still need volunteers for all three weeks for teaching and assisting, and a First Aid Provider for October 4 - 8. We've got 218 kids counting on us to assist them in having a wonderful week at camp learning more about God and His creation.

Contact **Carol Davis** at 360-887-8265 or at [thunderbird.ods@gmail.com](mailto:thunderbird.ods@gmail.com) for more information about volunteer positions.

The dates are—September 20 - 24  
September 27 - October 1  
October 4 - 8

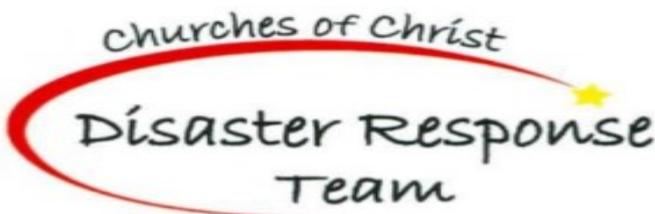


### Christian College Days NW

**October 2** is the date for Christian College Days NW. It will be held at Southwest Church of Christ in Tigard. Representatives from various Christian colleges will be present. More details will be coming later.

**See Steve Haney for details.**

**Save the date!**



From New York to Tennessee and elsewhere, flooding is devastating many areas. Plus, hurricanes and tornadoes and wild fires have caused a lot of damage as well. **Church of Christ Disaster Relief** is responding as soon as these things happen.

If you would like to donate their Web site is,

<http://www.churchesofchristdrt.org/>

### COVID UPDATE

The elders are asking everyone to wear masks when inside the church building, to follow the new Oregon state mask requirements for ages 5 years and up.

## OC church News and Notes

### NEW SCHEDULE

**Beginning TOMORROW, Sunday, Sep. 19**

**Bible Classes - 9:30 a.m.**

**Worship - 10:30 a.m.**



Since most of the children of our Spanish speakers either are bilingual or are learning English, there was a desire for them to continue to be part of our regular Bible classes when they began again. Since the Spanish speakers were worshipping at noon, there was a problem of the hour and a half delay between classes and their worship. Many solutions were discussed. The Spanish speakers have decided to begin their worship downstairs at 10:30 a.m.

**Are you in grade 7-12 and interested in being in the Teen Group?**

**You are welcome to come join us every Wednesday evening at the building to study the Bible and fellowship together.**

**See Steve Haney for more information.**



**Young at Heart**

**Nuevo Vallarta Mexican  
Restaurant in Canby**



**Thursday, Sep. 23 at 11:30 am**  
**Please sign up today so we can let them know your coming.**

### **NEW Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning**

After evaluating our current HVAC situation, it has been decided to upgrade our aging furnaces to high efficiency units and to replace the air conditioners. This work, under the supervision of our deacon **Allen Berreth**, will begin soon.

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To view the weekly bible classes and weekly sermons, look us up on .



Type in, "Oregon City Church of Christ", in the search bar.



**C**hristian **A**ccountability **S**upport **T**eam

**Meets Monday's at 7 PM.**

**Meetings are open to anyone who needs Christian support.**

**CAST** is a confidential Bible based 12-step group designed to help Christians identify, admit, and recover from debilitating problems caused by sin. Through a Biblical focus this group will show to those struggling, God's unwavering compassion, forgiveness and loyalty.

**CAST** is for those under bondage of any addiction a person has become powerless to control.

***Anyone can come to any meeting***

*Please let **Steve Partlow** know in advance you will be attending.*

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