

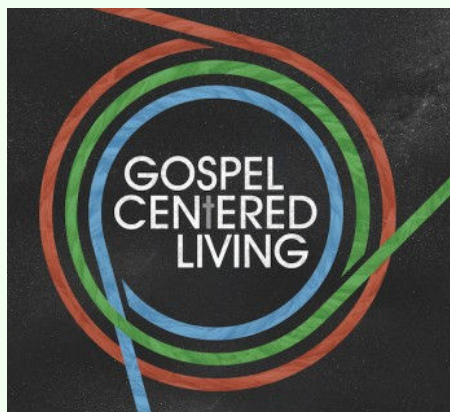


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What is “Gospel Centered Living”, and why is it important enough for me to take up your time by reading this article? Let me answer the second part of this question first. I believe that it is crucially important to live a Gospel Centered Life because if we don’t we will be driven back and forth by every changing wind that comes blowing into our lives. Paul says it like this in Ephesians 4:14, “So that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.”

Gospel Centered Living means that the Gospel – the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus – is our greatest hope and boast, our deepest longing and joy, and our most passionate song and message. The “Good News” of the Gospel is that God redeems a fallen world and people by His grace through His son, Jesus.

It means that our whole life should revolve around Jesus, and everything that we do should come out of that center. It should be an anchor in the stormy realm of our lives. More specifically, the Gospel Centered Life is a life where a Christian experiences a growing personal reliance on the Gospel that protects him from depending on his own religious performance and being seduced and overwhelmed by idols. To have confidence before God because of Christ’s atonement, to have intimacy with God because of Christ’s love, and to experience spiritual transformation because of Christ’s resurrection.

When we begin to live Gospel Centered Lives we begin to have Gospel Centered Families. This entails talking about Jesus with your children, telling them the stories of the Bible, and singing with them the hymns of the Church. It means to pray with your spouse and to pray for your spouse. A Gospel Centered Family is characterized in Deuteronomy 6:7-9, “You shall teach them (God’s commands) diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

Gospel Centered Lives lead to Gospel Centered Families which in turn creates a Gospel Centered Church. This is a Church that is about Jesus above everything else. That sounds a little obvious, but when we talk about striving to be and maintain gospel-centrality as a Church we are recognizing our tendency to focus on many other things (often good and important things) instead of Jesus. There are really only two options for local Churches; they will be Gospel Centered, or issue driven.

Some Churches are driven by numbers, or cultural relevance, or cultural distinctiveness, or doctrinal purity, or social justice, and so on. A Gospel Centered Church does not forsake these things, but they are not driven by them. They are driven by their love for Jesus, allowing the Holy Spirit to lead them in what they should be focusing on in any given moment of time. Jesus Himself tells us how to be a Gospel Centered Church in Matthew 6:33, “But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

May we be a Gospel Centered Church filled with Gospel Centered Families who lead Gospel Centered Lives so that Jesus gets the glory and people come to know Him.



Twin Rocks Friends Camp Schedule

Girls Camp (for girls entering 4th-6th grades in fall 2016).....	July 2-7
Boys Camp (for boys entering 4th-6th grades in fall 2016).....	July 16-21
Tween Camp (for youth entering 7th-9th grades in fall 2016).....	July 9-15
Surfside (for youth completing 8th-12th grades in spring of 2016).....	August 6-12
Family Camp Labor Day Weekend.....	September 1-4
Men's Retreat	September 15-17
Women's Retreat	September 29-October 1

Brochures with registration forms can be picked up at the church.



Metolius Friends All Church Campout
July 28-30 at Walton Lake

1st - Richard Vigil
4th - Audrey Ross
5th - Dave Bergstrom
Dorothy Kendall
6th - Anand Phillips
Del Binder
9th - Donna Cloud
12th - Lonn Swanson
13th - Dayton Durley
14th - Malcolm Meredith
17th - Rosalie Hoke
18th - Dean Miller
22nd - Megan Miller
24th - Linda DuPont
Melvin Hoke
28th - Scott Leeper
29th - Naomi Smith



6th - Joey & Chantel Chavez
18th - Jim & Cindy Struck
27th - Curt & Margaret Drahm



Pastor Jadon and family will be on a two week vacation to Wyoming from June 25th to July 6th. Remember to keep them in your prayers during their travels. If you have a special need during this time that they are away, please contact one of our Elders, they are listed in the church directory, or call Teren at the church office, 541-546-4974.



OUR HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATE

Congratulations!
to our one
High School Graduate,
Travis Farrester,
who will be graduating
from Culver High School
Saturday, June 3.



Ramblings of the Minister of Children's Programming

As I approached Memorial Day weekend and thought of those who have gone before me I thought of how their lives influenced who I am. I decided to share with the children how my grandfather help develop my values as an adult.

He stressed the importance to be observant of all that was around me in nature and others. He also was a very honest man and stressed being truthful. He spoke these words but also lived them.

This brings me to a verse we probably all have read, listened to a sermon or two on it. These verses are found in Matthew 5:13-16.

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

I noticed that it is more than speaking and saying what God's word says it is all about doing. My grandfather was the salt of the earth because he did what he said. He was light because his deeds were actions he spoke to.

It is more difficult sometimes to be salt and light to our own family as they see us day after day and know our deeds. I loved how Jadon shared on Sunday his experience at Costco in a crowded store and having tossed trash on the floor, amazing Charlotte copied and did the same, Jadon became salt and light and picked up his trash and hers. Simple being salt and light but difficult to live out.

Let's be salt and light to the world by starting with our own families. What truths will you be known for because of your actions.

Dayton Durley



Friday, June 2

Volunteers come at
3:00pm.

Registration at
4:00pm.

Food Delivery at
4:30pm.



"Slow Down Therapy"

Slow down; God is still in heaven. You are not responsible for doing it all yourself, right now.

Take nothing for granted: watch water flow, the corn grow, the leaves blow, your neighbor mow.

Notice the sun and the moon as they rise and set. They are remarkable for their steady pattern of movement, not their speed.

Talk and play with children. It will bring out the unhurried little person inside you.

Allow yourself time to be lazy and unproductive. Rest isn't luxury; it's a necessity.

Listen to the wind blow. It carries a message of yesterday and tomorrow-and now. NOW counts.

Listen to the song of a bird; the complete song. Music and nature are gifts, but only if you are willing to receive them.

Make time for play at the things you like to do. Whatever your age, your inner child needs re-creation.

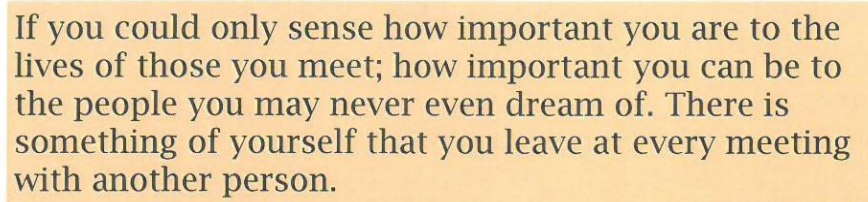
Watch and listen to the night sky. It speaks.

Listen to the words you speak, especially in prayer.

Count your friends. If you have one, you are lucky. If you have more, you are blessed. Bless them in return. Count your blessings - one at a time and slowly.



A Memorial Service for Barbara Hatfield will be held here at the Jefferson County Memorial Park Cemetery Saturday, June 3, at 12:00pm.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship @ the Church 6:00 pm Community Kitchen	2 4:30 pm Food Delivery 5:00 pm AA Meeting @ the Church	3 12:00pm Graveside Memorial Service For Barb Hatfield 12:00pm Culver Graduation Congratulations Travis Farrester 
4 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 5:00 pm Youth Group @ Macy's	5	6 9:00 am Mom's Group @ the Church 6:30 pm Bible Study @ Drahn's	7 5:45 pm Elder Ministry Team Meeting	8 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship @ the Church 6:00 pm Community Kitchen	9 5:00 pm AA Meeting @ the Church	10
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