



# The Proclaimer

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If you're like me (and I know I am), when you go out to eat at a restaurant you expect to have good service. This is one of the aspects that is typically enjoyable about eating out; the fact that you don't have to cook your own food, get your own food, or clean up after yourself. You get to be served. If you have an outstanding waiter or waitress it makes your entire experience so much better.

Now, this experience of eating out and enjoyment can go south very quickly if you have a waitress or waiter who really does not like serving. They can be curt with their answers, cold in their demeanor, and sometimes never come back around to your table to fill up your water glass (isn't that the worst?).

Both the outstanding waiter/waitress and the terrible waiter/waitress are fulfilling the same exact "service" requirements, but it is the **way** in which they complete their service that can make all the difference. As Christians (which means "little Christ" by the way) following the example of Jesus Christ we are called to serve God and others. This is what Jesus did, and He gave us the best way to do both.

How have you been serving God and others lately? If you compared your "Christian Service" to that of "Restaurant Service" what kind of a waiter/waitress would you be? Or have you even shown up to work?

There are improper motivations that we can have when serving others. If you help someone expecting a thank you in return or recognition for what you have done, then you aren't truly serving out of love. You are serving out of your own ambition. Helping other people does make us feel good. We can feel a sense of accomplishment, of pride, of doing a good deed for someone in need.

But this can't be our main reason in helping. These need to be by products. Because, what happens when you serve and you don't feel these feelings? You are going to feel like whatever it was you did was a waste. You are going to be bitter about helping anyone else in the future because you didn't get fulfilled by it. Serving other people is not a, "Well, I did this for you, so you need to do this for me in return." You are not building up rainy day points so that when you need help you can hang it over someone's head with guilt. That is not true service.

So, how do we serve the right way? Let's look at a few ways that Jesus teaches us how to serve. He served through humility. In Matthew 20:25-28 Jesus says, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Jesus also served through the relationship that He had with His Father. Jesus was confident in His relationship with God, He didn't serve to make Himself feel better. He knew where His identity came from, and He didn't need outside circumstances or praise from man to dictate His worth.

As you look to serve others around you, ask God to keep these things in your mind and heart. As the old saying goes, "Service with a smile!" This applies to our service in God's family also.

Pastor Jadon

## Minister of Children's Programing

To Quote a line from the "A Team", "Don't you love it when a plan comes together?" To refresh your memory The "A Team" was a group of misfits that solved what seemed to be an impossible task and when things seemed ready to fall apart it all worked out then the leader would always say "Don't you just love it when a plan comes together?"

Rather than pattern my thinking as the leader of the "A Team" I have been reading Nehemiah and have discovered how God loves a plan and prayer. I need your prayers that I be guided by God's wisdom and His plan. Nehemiah prayed about the condition of Jerusalem. His opportunity to present a plan came four months later when the king asked what was wrong. And Nehemiah was ready with a plan.

I know many of us have been praying for the lost people in our area, for children that don't know the Lord, for our children from good Christian homes that they might be given a strong Christian foundation. In some ways we feel the gates have been destroyed and we feel in exile as Nehemiah saw the believers in his time. I know we have all felt or said it, "oh for the good old days" the days when the church was a vital part of the community, the sound of many children in our building and much more.

How do we become what God wants us to become? Prayer and a plan! This first month part of the plan came together even though at times it sure didn't look that way. Charles Swindoll's book, *Hand Me Another Brick*, based on the book of Nehemiah, has been a great inspiration. This month so many people handed me another brick and without the prayers and help of many we couldn't say "don't you just love it when a plan comes together?"

We are going to start Sunday School for all ages on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September, taking part in the Spike and Rail event, have a great mural going up in the hallway downstairs to just to name a few plans coming together brick by brick. Brick by brick this Christmas we will have a children's Christmas program, a working relationship with the school here in Metolius, and God connecting us with hurting families in our area.

I love it when a "plan comes together" but as in Proverbs 16:9 "The mind of man plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.

Dayton Durley



September 18th, from 9:45am to 10:30am

0 - 3 years old (Nursery)

2 years old - 6 years old

1st grade - 5th grade

Middle School/High School

Adult Classes: Book of Luke (Library)

Book of Hebrews (downstairs)

ALPHA (downstairs)

WHY  
NOT **JOIN US** FOR  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL?**


1st - Rob Cloud  
 3rd - Kristen Farrester  
 5th - Lonnie Henderson  
 8th - Lee Farrester  
 9th - Stephanie Quinn  
 10th - Jake Harding  
 15th - Barb Hatfield  
 16th - Lance Roberts  
 18th - Terry Macy  
 23rd - Dale Chase



4th - Gordon & Teren Wood  
 9th - Allan & Dorothy Kendall  
 10th - Lonnie & Angie Henderson  
 Jake & Suzanne Harding

 September 5th  
 The office will be closed.

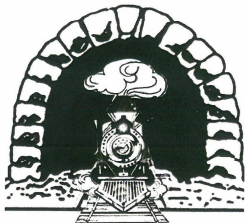
**Back To School** Culver Schools  
 Begin  
 September 6th



 Madras Schools  
 Begin  
 September 7th

**Youth GROUP**

September 11 at 6:30pm  
 September 24th Mt Hood Adventure Park  
 September 25th at 6:30pm

**SPIKE & RAIL DAY**





**CITY OF METOLIUS**  
**SEPTEMBER 10, 2016**

5K *Move Your Caboose* Walk/Run - 7:00 a.m.  
 Parade 10:00 a.m.  
Park Events 11:00am-3:00 pm

Music - Bad Cats  
 Games at Park  
 Beer Garden  
 Food at Park  
 Poker Walk  
 Miniature Train Rides  
 Model Train Display at the Depot  
 Multi Prize Raffle

Contact Metolius City Hall for more info at 541-546-5533  
 or [www.cityofmetolius.org](http://www.cityofmetolius.org)

A COMMUNITY EVENT PLANNED FOR THE CONTINUANCE OF CELEBRATING  
 THE ERA OF THE RAILROAD.

Our Church will be having an entry in the parade as well as a booth in the park. If you want to be in the parade or help in the booth, contact Dayton Durley. 541-903-0815 The parade starts at 10:00am. Come and enjoy the fun!



The background of the entire page is a painting of a mountain landscape. In the foreground, there is a green, grassy hillside. In the middle ground, a calm lake reflects the sky and the surrounding mountains. The mountains are rugged and dark, with some snow or light-colored rock visible. The sky is filled with large, billowing white clouds, and a small patch of blue sky is visible at the top. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

## A Picture of Peace

There once was a King who offered a prize to the artist who would paint the best picture of peace. Many artists tried. The King looked at all the pictures, but there were only two he really liked and he had to choose between them.

One picture was of a calm lake. The lake was a perfect mirror, for peaceful towering mountains were all around it. Overhead was a blue sky with fluffy white clouds.

All who saw this picture thought that it was a perfect picture of peace.

The other picture had mountains too. But these were rugged and bare. Above was an angry sky from which rain fell and in which lightening played. Down the side of the mountain tumbled a foaming waterfall.

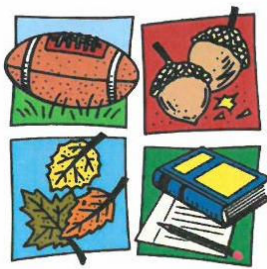
This did not look peaceful at all. But when the King looked, he saw behind the waterfall a tiny bush growing in a crack in the rock. In the bush a mother bird had built her nest. There, in the midst of the rush of angry water, sat the mother bird on her nest ... perfect peace.

Which picture do you think won the prize?

The King chose the second picture. Do you know why?

"Because," explained the King, "peace does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble, or hard work. Peace means to be in the midst of all those things and still be calm in your heart. That is the real meaning of peace."

- Author Unknown

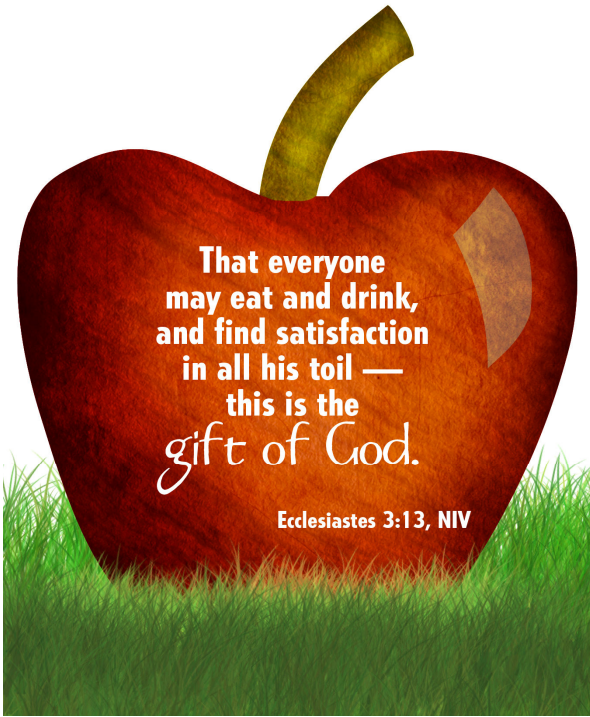


# september



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship @ the church 6:00 pm Community Kitchen	2 5:00 pm AA Meeting @ the church	3
4 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 6:00 pm Bible Study	5 <b>Office Is Closed</b>  <b>LABOR DAY</b>	6 9:00 am Mom's Group @ the church 6:30 pm Bible Study @ Drahn's  FOR CULVER	7  FOR MADRAS	8 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship @ the church 6:00 pm Community Kitchen	9 5:00 pm AA Meeting @ the church	10 <b>Metolius Spike &amp; Rail Parade begins at 10:00 am</b>
11 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 6:00 pm Bible Study <b>6:30 pm Youth Group</b> 	12 8:00 am Breakfast Fellowship @ Beetle Bailey  <b>Gordon and Teren Vacation</b>	13 9:00 am Mom's Group @ the church 6:30 pm Bible Study @ Drahn's	14 <b>6:00 pm Elder Ministry Team Meeting</b>	15 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship @ the church 6:00 pm Community Kitchen <b>7:00 pm Christian Ed Ministry Meeting</b>	16 5:00 pm AA Meeting @ the church	17
18 <b>9:45 am Sunday School Begins for all ages</b> 10:45 am Worship 6:00 pm Bible Study	19 8:00 am Breakfast Fellowship @ Beetle Bailey	20 9:00 am Mom's Group @ the church 6:30 pm Bible Study @ Drahn's	21 <b>7:00 pm Stewardship Ministry Meeting</b>	22 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship @ the church 6:00 pm Community Kitchen	23 5:00 pm AA Meeting @ the church	24 <b>Youth Outing to Mt Hood Adventure Park</b>
25 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 6:00 pm Bible Study <b>6:30 pm Youth Group</b>	26 8:00 am Breakfast Fellowship @ Beetle Bailey	27 9:00 am Mom's Group @ the church 6:30 pm Bible Study @ Drahn's	28	29 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship @ the church 6:00 pm Community Kitchen	30 5:00 pm AA Meeting @ the church	

# Come Worship with Friends



Sunday  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Morning Worship  
6:00 pm Evening Bible Study

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