

The Proclaimer

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About 5 years ago I had the privilege of performing a wedding for a young couple outside of Winter Park, Colorado. At the time we were living in Wyoming, and I was also in the middle of completing my Master's Degree which meant we needed to stop halfway through the 6-hour drive for me to log on to my online video class. We found the tiny town of Walden, CO and a restaurant that offered free WIFI. After the class was over we took off and we were making great time, and I'm all about making great time when I'm driving!

After about 2 hours of progress down the road, I had this tiny feeling that maybe we weren't going the right direction. We had been talking, listening to music, enjoying the scenery and not really paying attention because we had basically been in a canyon the entire time with no side roads anywhere. So, we decided to check our old GPS unit that sometimes didn't work too great (this was before we had smartphones). Sure enough, we had taken a wrong turn as soon as we had left Walden. At this point in the journey our only real course of action was to continue on down the canyon, spitting us out in Ft. Collins, CO roughly 3 hours away from our intended destination. Needless to say, we called it a day, spent the night there and made it to Winter Park the next morning.

Not all progress is productive. Frantically trying to make "progress" in quicksand will only make your demise happen faster. Running around making "progress" in the forest if you are lost will only make you more lost. Moving forward just for the sake of moving forward is dangerous.

In life, there are times where we think we are making progress, yet we are either headed in the wrong direction, blindly moving forward, or steamrolling over anything that gets in our way. After fleeing Egypt, the Israelites were trapped on one side by the Red Sea and on the other side by the pursuing Egyptians. They wanted to make progress in getting out of this situation so much so, that their intended "progress" was going back to their life of slavery! Thankfully, Moses spoke the truth of God to the people saying, "Fear not, stand

firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."

Progress in all areas of our life is crucial. We do not want to be stagnant, but we also do not want to run headlong with no caution into it either. Moses tells the Israelites to be silent, wait on God, let Him guide the progress. So, what area/areas in your life need some progress in? Is it spiritual progression in your walk with Jesus? Is it relational progression with your spouse and/or children? Is it physical progression with your health?

Whatever area it is, be still and listen for God's direction. Take time to hear, because as we see with the Israelites He will guide and provide. Then you can be sure that your progress will be productive. And you never know, God may part the "Red Sea" in your life so you can proceed forward in a way that was blocked before.

Pastor Jadon



Something Is Going To Happen Here!

Isn't God's timing amazing? Just as I was beginning to think, "What was God thinking," Pastor Jadon's sermon on God's provision comes along. To be honest I have never much worried about food or shelter as Sandy and I have been blessed with good jobs and God has provided in area of personal needs.


When God led me to retire early to go into full time ministry, I for the first time was challenged to rely on God's provision. First of all, to be up to the Spiritual challenge to, as Jadon put it, be close to the good Shepherd and to rely on Him. The other challenge was to rely on God to provide what was missing in doing what He lays on my heart to do. Pastoring a church while studying for the ministry, selling all we had and going on the road to serve Him, then once again Pastoring in Tucson. If I were to have waited till what I felt was needed to do these things I would have never moved forward. God provided as we moved along.

I will fast forward to where we are now. The Good Shepherd has prompted me to step forward and take the position of Minister of Children's Programming and once again He provides; provided teachers right when needed, provided people to staff Spike and Rail. Yes, just as Jadon stated, not too early but right on time. I love this quote, "God has never failed me but sure has scared me a few times."

That brings me to the latest challenge "Bethlehem! Where Nothing Ever Happens". How is He going to provide? Let's open our hearts to listen to Him. I believe God has already laid the ground work for a great Christmas program. Perhaps He has even nudged you a bit and would like to be part of it. We have something for everyone.

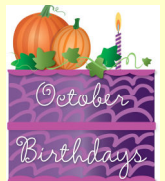
How big will this program be? As big as God wants it to be. Yes, I have a plan and brick by brick God will provide and it will be to His glory not ours. Metolius Friends Community Church is "Where Something Happens". God will here if we rely on Him.

~Dayton Durley



Our Sunday School Program has started! And we are so excited to be able to offer Sunday School to all ages. Parents, if you have children ages nursery through High School we would love to have them join our classes. But don't just drop them off. We have three adult classes also. God is doing a wonderful work here in Metolius and we want you to be a part of it.

2nd - Tanya Canaday
3rd - Lynne Cloud
6th - Kiturah Cloud
12th - Joe Stanfield
14th - George Snyder
18th - Michael Vance
21st - Hilda Stephens
23rd - Bill Apgar
24th - John McCullough





12th - Lance & Megan Roberts
15th - Joe & Cindy Stanfield
23rd - Bill & Lilita Apgar
25th - Lonn & Loretta Swanson
26th - Alonzo & Linda DuPont
31st - Dale & Becky Chase






October



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 6:00 pm Bible Study	3 8:00 am Breakfast Fellowship @ Beetle Bailey	4 9:00 am Mom's Group @ the church 6:30 pm Bible Study @ Drahn's	5	6 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship @ the church 6:00 pm Community Kitchen	7 5:00 pm AA Meeting @ the church	8
9 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 6:00 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm No Youth Group	10 8:00 am Breakfast Fellowship @ Beetle Bailey	11 9:00 am Mom's Group @ the church 6:30 pm Bible Study @ Drahn's	12 5:45 pm Elder Ministry Team Meeting	13 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship @ the church 6:00 pm Community Kitchen	Samuel School I at Twin Rocks 7th-10th	
16 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 12:00 pm Meeting for Business & Potluck 6:00 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm Youth Group	17 8:00 am Breakfast Fellowship @ Beetle Bailey	18 9:00 am Mom's Group @ the church 6:30 pm Bible Study @ Drahn's	19 7:00 pm Stewardship Ministry Meeting	20 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship @ the church 6:00 pm Community Kitchen 7:00 pm Christian Ed Ministry Meeting	21 5:00 pm AA Meeting @ the church	22
23 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 3:00 pm 'Getting To Know MFCC' Class 6:00 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Youth Group	24 8:00 am Breakfast Fellowship @ Beetle Bailey	25 9:00 am Mom's Group @ the church 6:30 pm Bible Study @ Drahn's	26 5:45 pm Elder Ministry Team Meeting	27 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship @ the church 6:00 pm Community Kitchen	28 5:00 pm AA Meeting @ the church	29
30 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 6:00 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm All Saints Youth Group Party	31 8:00 am Breakfast Fellowship @ Beetle Bailey					



Getting To Know
Metolius
Friends

Are you new to the Friends Church? Or have you been here a while and wondered about the history and beliefs of the Church? If so, you are invited to attend "Getting to know Metolius Friends", a class discussing where we came from, where we are now, and where we are headed. It will be held on Sunday, Oct 23 at 3:00pm and led by Pastor Jadon. RSVP at jadonross@metoliusfriends.church

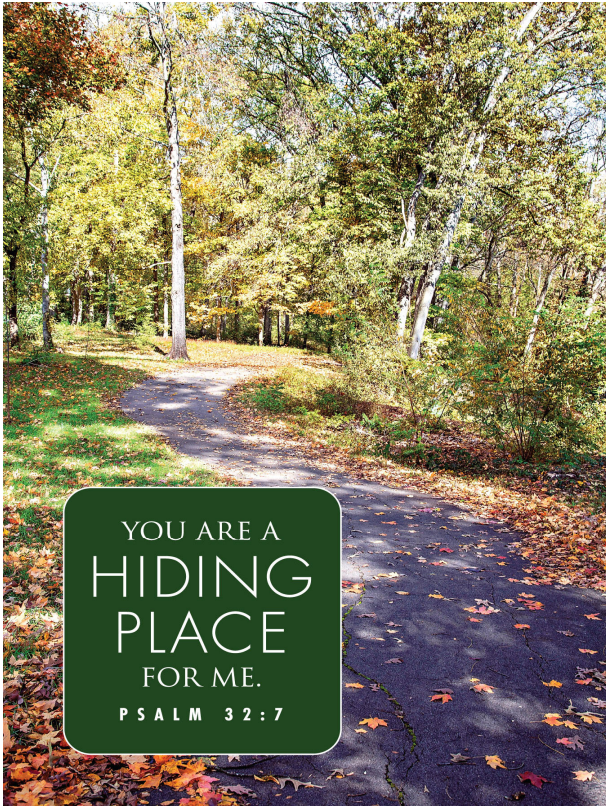
Congregational Meeting for Business and Potluck



October 16th

Everyone is invited to a Potluck Dinner following our morning service. Please bring a main dish, and a salad or dessert to share. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit and get to know new people and catch up with those you might not see very often. After our meal, you are encouraged to stay for our Quarterly Meeting for Business. This is for everyone who considers Metolius Friends their church and who want to hear from the different ministry teams and what they are doing.

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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