



# The Proclaimer

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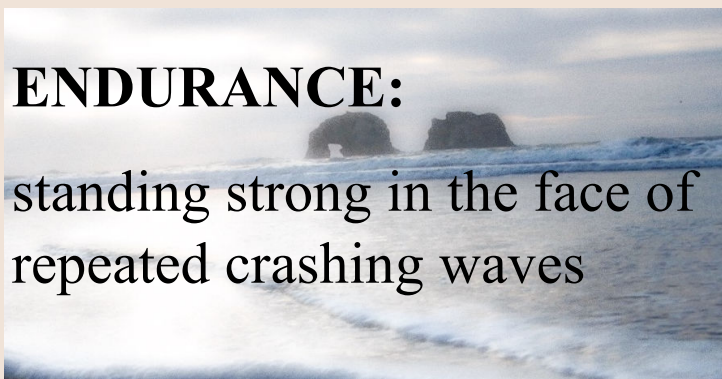
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## ENDURANCE:

standing strong in the face of  
repeated crashing waves



ocean the realization came to me that those rocks get crashed against moment after moment, day after day, year after year, and they continue to stand firm against the powerful waves.

No matter if the weather is calm and the waves gently wash over them, or if a storm is raging and the water and waves are crashing over their tops, the rocks remain constant. They know how to JUST KEEP STANDING. They don't panic, they don't run away, they don't worry that they will be washed out to sea. They JUST KEEP STANDING.

Now, for me personally I think I do a fairly good job of standing against the waves that the world throws at me. But there are definitely times where I feel completely overwhelmed and I feel like I am drowning. Much like this picture...

I want to run away, I want to panic, I want to worry about all the what ifs, I want to check out of life for a while. But those are times when I am not focusing on God. Those reactions to the waves are not what God wants me to do in the midst of a storm.

In 1 Corinthians 15:58 (KJV) it says, "*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.*" As Christians doing the work of the Lord, we are called to be steadfast and unmovable with the reminder that whatever we do for Him is not ineffective or useless. Those are powerful words to me, and they along with the "Twin Rocks" have been, and will continue to be a good reminder for me to stand firm.

To know that on Christ the solid rock I stand, and all other ground is sinking sand. To know that when the waves start crashing over my head I better be looking at my feet to see where they are planted. To know that no matter the storms going on inside of me or around me Christ is stronger than any of them. "*He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock making my steps secure.*" – Psalm 40:2

A few weeks ago, my family and I had the opportunity to go and spend time on the Coast. It was a time of refreshing, being still, and what one of my Pastor friends has called, "wasting time with God".

God used this time to speak to me in a few different areas of my life, and I want to share one of those with you. If you are familiar with the "Twin Rocks" in the picture you know they are an iconic fixture along the Oregon Coast. As we were standing on the beach one day looking out over the

how i'm handling life right now:



## A New Day

This is the beginning of a new day.

You have been given  
this day to use as you will.

You can waste it or use it for good.  
What you do today is important  
because you are exchanging  
a day of your life for it.

When tomorrow comes,  
this day will be gone forever;  
in its place is something that  
you have left behind...  
let it be something good.

- Author unknown

1st - Sandy Durley  
2nd - Augusta Davis  
6th - Harvey Rose  
11th - Angie Leeper  
14th - Cheryl McCullough  
15th - Mike Comfort  
18th - Kailee Macy



20th - Rob & Sandy cloud  
24th - Dayton & Sandy Durley



**Be A Teacher**  
*There's a place where  
only you fit!*

We are in need of two more Sunday School Teachers.  
Early Elementary and MS/HS teachers. If this is something you  
would like to do, please contact Dayton Durley, 541-903-0815.



Are you curious about Quakers? Thinking about joining the Church as a member? Pastor Jadon will be offering a "Getting to know Metolius Friends" class on Tuesday, February 28 from 5:00-7:00 pm. Dinner and childcare will be provided. RSVP's are needed. Please contact the office, 541-546-4974 or email Pastor Jadon at [jadonross@metoliusfriends.church](mailto:jadonross@metoliusfriends.church)

**The 4th Annual Mexico Mission Valentine Dinner and Silent Auction.**  
If you haven't purchased tickets yet, please contact Angi Leeper, 541-977-7858.

\$12.50  
per person

LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER

6-8PM

MEXICO MISSIONS TRIP  
VALENTINE'S DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD 2017

Dinner is at Metolius Friends Community Church  
575 Hood Ave, Metolius OR





## Ramblings from the Minster of Children's Programming

One of the goals I have is introducing kids and their families to Jesus Christ and the difference that it can make in their lives. Not just something off in the future as in eternity but here and now. While it is good to focus on how, through faith in Christ, we have eternal life, that life is here and now.

Christ came to save us but also to give us life more abundantly. We have a great message to share as in the Good News. I believe God's Kingdom is here and now and He wants all to be part of it. We should take time and realize that we are part of that Kingdom and not an earthly kingdom established by man. Try living as a part of God's Kingdom now. Children learn more by seeing how we live our lives than just through the words we speak.

Allow me to share a couple of Scriptures found in Matthew.

Matthew 5:3 He said: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Are we humble enough to admit we are poor in spirit and need Christ to lift us up? Have you shared with your children your encounter with Christ and what that means? How do you explain to a child what it is to live in God's Kingdom here and now?

Perhaps it's taking time to pray as Jesus asked us to pray.

In the Lord's Prayer, Matthew 6:9 it begins with "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." (NIV)

I believe if we ask God to reveal His will, that it might be done in our own lives here and now as it will be when we get to heaven, through us God will do great things. We can be a church that children and adults can truly say, "We see Jesus there reflected in the lives and love of His people".

Dayton Durley

**MEN'S**



*Breakfast*

All men are invited to the Cornerstone Baptist Church on Saturday, February 11 at 8:00 am. Pastor Jadon will be sharing a devotional about marriage.





# February 2017



Joy is love exalted; peace is love in repose;  
long-suffering is love enduring; gentleness is love in  
society; goodness is love in action; faith is love on the  
battlefield; meekness is love in school; and temperance  
is love in training.

—D.L. Moody

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship @ the Church 6:00 pm Community Kitchen  Groundhog Day	3 5:00 pm AA Meeting @ the Church <b>6:00 pm Mexico Mission Valentine Dinner and Silent Auction</b>	4
5 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 5:30 pm Youth Group @ Terry Macys	6 8:00 am Breakfast Fellowship @ Beetle Bailey	7 9:00 am Mom's Group @ the Church 6:30 pm bible Study @ Drahn's	8 <b>5:45 pm Elder Ministry Team Meeting</b>	9 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship @ the Church 6:00 pm Community Kitchen	10 5:00 pm AA Meeting @ the Church	11 <b>8:00 am Men's Breakfast at Cornerstone Baptist Church</b>
12 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 5:30 pm Youth Group	13 8:00 am Breakfast Fellowship @ Beetle Bailey	14 9:00 am Mom's Group @ the Church 6:30 pm bible Study @ Drahn's  <i>Valentine's Day</i> 	15 <b>7:00 pm Steward Ministry Team Meeting</b>	16 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship @ the Church 6:00 pm Community Kitchen <b>7:00 pm Christian Ed Ministry Meeting</b>	17 5:00 pm AA Meeting @ the Church	18
19 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 5:30 pm Youth Group	20 8:00 am Breakfast Fellowship @ Beetle Bailey	21 9:00 am Mom's Group @ the Church <b>1:00 pm Food Bank Volunteer Training</b> 6:30 pm bible Study @ Drahn's	22 <b>5:45 pm Elder Ministry Team Meeting</b>	23 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship @ the Church 6:00 pm Community Kitchen	24 5:00 pm AA Meeting @ the Church	25
26 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 5:30 pm Youth Group	27 8:00 am Breakfast Fellowship @ Beetle Bailey	28 9:00 am Mom's Group @ the Church <b>5:00 pm Membership Class</b> 6:30 pm bible Study @ Drahn's				



# 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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575 Hood Ave.  
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