

The Focus

September 2018

Editor: Carol Lovegren Miller



Sundays at 10:30 AM

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| Sept 2 | God Makes Great Promises
2 Peter 1:4 |
| Sept 9 | You Are Stamped with God's Image
Genesis 1:26 |
| Sept 16 | God Will Win the Victory
Romans 16:20 |
| Sept 23 | You Are an Heir of God
Romans 8:17 |
| Sept 30 | Your Prayers Have Power
James 5:16 |

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| Sept 3rd | Church office closed for Labor Day |
| Sept 4th | Oakland's 1st Day of School |
| Sept 9th | Kitchen Concerns meeting |
| Sept 14 | Ladies Bible Study Resumes |
| Sept 14-16 | Ladies Planning Retreat,
Carol Miller 541-459-4723 |



Focus on New Friends

By Carol Miller



Harlan and Lola have been married for seventy years. Sixty-nine of those years they have lived on their 935 acres out on Green Valley Road. Harlan was born on the acreage they own but in a different house. He has attended OCC since birth. Harlan took over his dad's position as a church elder when his father passed away. Harlan went on to serve his church family as an elder at OCC for 55 years.

Lola was born in Walla Walla, Washington, moved to Idaho, and then to Tacoma, WA. She had an uncle who lived in Roseburg. While visiting him, her parents found 480 acres to buy out east of Oakland. Paul and Norma Haines live on part of that acreage today.

Lola was a sophomore in high school when she moved here. Her grandmother relocated with the family. Because her grandmother wanted to go to church, they went to OCC, which is where Harlan and Lola met. They have been a couple ever since. They went skating on their first date because the church back then disapproved of dancing.

Lola and Harlan have three children: Sandra, Paul, and Kevin (Coral's dad). When Sandra was born, before they even went home, they stopped at the church to show her off to their minister, who incidentally had performed their marriage ceremony. Today, all three of their children live nearby.

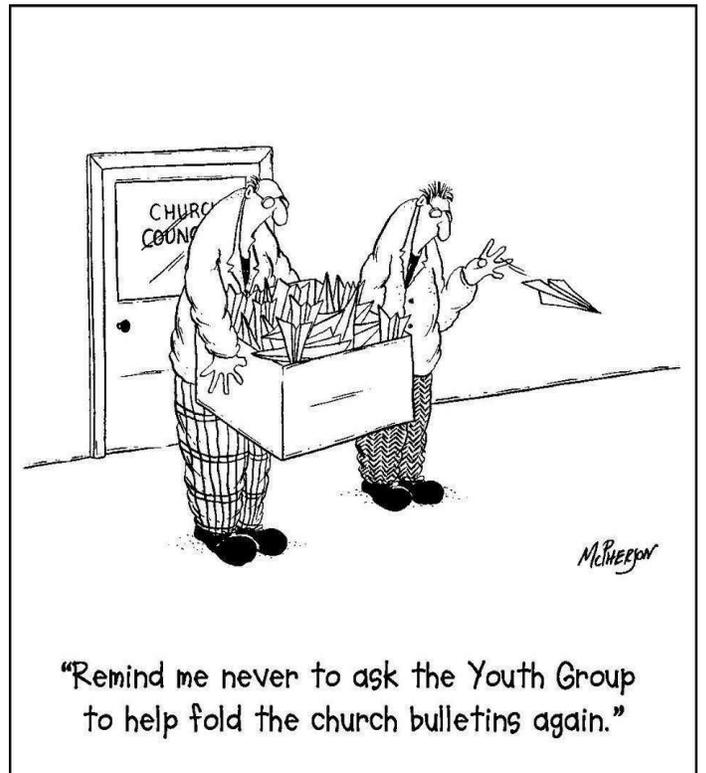
Besides raising children, Lola enjoyed working as an accredited Medical Records Technician for 45 years. She also enjoyed teaching medical terminology and coding at UCC. At OCC, Lola taught Sunday School and VBS for many years; her last role as a teacher was leading the Silver Sisters class.

Harlan's work experience was varied. They both started out working at Martin Brothers Box Company in Oakland in the 1950's. Then Harlan worked in mills in Sutherlin and Roseburg until he wore out. On top of working at the mill, he also ran sheep and cattle. Shearing sheep was the most obnoxious part of ranching. After Harlan decided to work for himself, he purchased his own caterpillar-type tractor and went to work excavating, logging, and doing mobile home placement. They currently rent their pasture to a neighbor who runs cattle on their property. Much of their property is devoted to growing timber.

Harlan has been active in the Small Woodlands Association for many years. The association has been a great help with their timber management. He was voted Tree Farmer of the Year in 1987 and in 2005. Educational tours were conducted to showcase his timber management skills. Harlan continues to work on their property.

Amazingly, at age 87, Lola volunteers and works: in the church office, at the Senior Center, at St. Vincent's Thrift store, at the Community Cancer Center as a greeter, at OCC providing cakes for Linger Longer's Birthday Sunday, and contributing to Share-a-Meal with fancy salads.

For Lola and Harlan, OCC is home and family, where they are loved by all.



Big Shoes to Fill

By Carol Miller

Taking the child in his arms, [Jesus] said to them, "Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf welcomes me."

Mark 9:36 & 37

Janet Baimbridge's passion for welcoming children into our church and teaching them about Jesus, combined with her willingness to serve wherever needed, leaves some mighty big shoes to fill while she battles pancreatic cancer.

Janet has filled the following roles for years at OCC:

- ◇ Christian Education Director
- ◇ Harvest Carnival Coordinator
- ◇ Christmas program director or assistant
- ◇ VBS Director
- ◇ Preschool teacher
- ◇ Sunday School and Wednesday night substitute teacher
- ◇ Bus ministry, both Wednesdays and Sundays
- ◇ Breakfast Club driver
- ◇ Transporting children to camp
- ◇ CE bulletin board
- ◇ Just Prayer leader
- ◇ Monthly Share a Meal
- ◇ Bimonthly Linger Longer snacks
- ◇ Meals for the sick
- ◇ Communion preparation
- ◇ Thanksgiving food drive
- ◇ Tea hostess
- ◇ Attendance in the sanctuary each Sunday
- ◇ Writing articles for the Focus newsletter
- ◇ Hope House missions trip
- ◇ Church clean up days
- ◇ Camp Scholarship work days



We are praying that a number of people will feel led to step up and volunteer to carry out these responsibilities so that we can continue to fulfill the great commission, "Go and make disciples."

Please contact the church if you would like to help in any of these areas. 541-459-4447 or church@oaklandcc.net

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Deacons Ministry
Connecting • Caring • Contributing

Three New Deacons!

August 19th, three new deacons for the church, Steve Cottier, Adam Heberly, and Kyle Miller were introduced to the church.

The role of the deacons is to come alongside our elders, Aaron Baimbridge, Ryan Young, and Dave Weldon, to lighten their load – particularly with the physical needs of our building and our of congregation.

The deacons are being encouraged to work in the area of their strengths. To look for things that need to be done and take the initiative to get 'er done.

Deacons, according to 1 Timothy 3:8-10, 12, must be well respected and have integrity. They must not be heavy drinkers or dishonest with money. They must be committed to the mystery of the faith now revealed and must live with a clear conscience.... He must be faithful to his wife, and he must manage his children and household well.

Welcome, Adam, Kyle, and Steve, thank you for agreeing to serve our church family.

Check out our new mobile friendly website!

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- Up to date church calendar/schedule/events
- Access & edit your profile in OCC database.
- Examine what we believe
- Give online
- Check the bulletin
- Read our Focus newsletter



VBS 2018



Vacation Bible School was again a huge success: **113 kids** and **26 teens** learned more about Jesus this summer.



To make this possible the following workers put many hours into preparing for and serving all through the week. Several people used their vacation time so that they could teach, plus people from the community volunteered, and others doubled up and helped both morning and night. Janet Baimbridge did a wonderful job of planning and overseeing the whole event.

- **Registration:** Lee Jorgensen, Tom Hammerschmith
- **Daycare:** Michelle Spencer, Amy Yard, Cody Baimbridge, Tiana Oberman
- **4's—Kindergarten:** Hannah Oberman, Andi Reed, Mady Terra, Makenzie Kamel, Journey Thacker, Nical Tallant
- **1st Grade:** Douglas Branton, James Baimbridge
- **2nd Grade:** Olivia Oberman, Justen Fugate
- **3rd Grade:** Blake Wallace, Dillan McGranahan
- **4th grade:** Brayden Bridges, Breana Ryan
- **5th/6th grade girls:** Merissa Crisp, Amanda Coombs
- **5th/6th grade boys:** Beverly Jackson, Robert Davis
- **JH/HS teens:** Aaron Baimbridge, Lindsey Baimbridge, Carol Miller, Brent Parker, Robin Tripp, Althea Young, Bob Young, Ryan Young, Shellie Young
- **Sanctuary Decorations:** Leann Cottier
- **Bus drivers/staff:** Joyce Hammer/Taylor Yard, Bob Young/Robert Davis, Amy Yard/Cody Baimbridge
- **Kitchen:** Kimberly Mattoon, Sharon Brandt, Tommie Linton, Sherry Hurt, Ron Linton, Kathy Warner, Christina Mattoon
- **Crafts:** (4's-Kindergarten) Marlene Hammerschmith (1st-6th) Norma Haines, Mandie Rinkle, Beth Hart, Katrina Beecroft, Joyce Hammer, Kathleen Roth, Velma Iverson, Julie Heberly
- **Music:** Lindsey Baimbridge, Katy Tripp, Krista Cornelius, Blake Wallace
- **Missions:** Aaron Baimbridge
- **Staff Devotions:** Connie Humphreys
- **Buttons:** Sheila Myers, Season Cox
- **Roving Helpers:** Tom Hammerschmith, Angie VanDeHey, Dorothy Henley, Jim Brandt, Keith Mattoon, Nina Alford, Savannah Reed, Conni Riley, Aubrey Brownson, Teagan Ryan, Natalie Pagan
- **Bible Story:** Shellie Young
- **Bible Verse & Snacks:** Althea Young
- **Recreation:** Sierra Cottier
- **Review Application:** Kris Tripp
- **Office support:** Lola Haines, Carol Miller, Season Cox



A heartfelt thank you to every person who volunteered their time and energy!



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Pay It Forward...

by Carol Lovegren Miller

A generous trail of transmission fluid followed us for a quarter mile up the rough road to Two Pan Trailhead. Running out of transmission fluid brought an inopportune end to hauling our four horses and gear up to the trailhead where seven of us planned to meet August 12th for a five-day wilderness horse-packing trip.

"Okay, Lord, now what?" Two Pan is 18 miles south of the tiny town of Lostine in the remote northeast Oregon Wallowa Mountains. At 5:00 p.m. on a Sunday evening with no cell service, no obvious help was to be had. Then God sent two most unlikely angels. Our jaw dropped when Maria Belknap pulled up in her truck. Looking like a cross between a Wallowa cowgirl and the Beverly Hills businesswoman that she is in the winter season, she quickly assessed the situation and headed down to the closest ranches to try to find us 5 gallons of transmission fluid. Why would she go out of her way to help complete strangers? "Because that's what we do for each other here in Wallowa County," she explained.

Fourteen or fifteen phone calls later, Maria contacted a second unlikely angel, John Nesemann. John, who is a retired school superintendent, had just come in from a long day of building and had settled down for the evening in his comfy pajama pants. Without hesitation, John jammed his bare feet into his boots. Laces flapping, he shoved on his cowboy hat, jumped into his Dodge flatbed truck, and rattled over miles of washboard to come to our rescue.

Upon arrival, he pulled our broken-down Ford F-350 off the road and promised to call a reputable mechanic in the morning to tow the truck and repair the transmission. Then, insisting that we should not have our vacation ruined, he hooked up to our horse trailer and roared up the rugged road, all the while regaling us with colorful stories. Backing into an open site in the horse camp at the crowded trailhead, he unhooked the trailer. Waving off any offers of gas money and thanks, he told us to pay it forward and sped off into the gathering darkness.

Five days later, when we rode and hiked out of the wilderness, we stared in disbelief at our truck sitting next to the horse trailer looking like it had been there all along. Bemused, we eased our way down the bumpy road to Lostine, then wound our way out a country road looking for SPS Repair (their sign is hand-lettered on an old tire propped up beside the road). We needed to pay our bill and wanted to give our thanks in person. Leonard, the mechanic, is an entertaining character, but he lost his angel status when I asked why he would trust us to come pay him. "I didn't," he declared waving an \$850.00 check John had written to cover the towing and repair bill -- just in case we weren't the people John judged us to be.

When we called John to thank him, he filled in another piece of the story. When John was a young teacher new to the area, his truck broke down on the road to Two Pan. Another kind soul not only helped him out but when he finished a challenging day of teaching, his repaired truck was waiting for him. Again, waving off our thanks he reminded us to pay it forward.

We did not have long to wait for an opportunity. Three days later, on Kyle's way home from visiting his mother who had been hospitalized a hundred miles north of our home, Kyle noticed a broken-down truck with a loaded horse trailer along I-5 just south of Cur-tain. Kyle immediately turned around and hooked up to the stranded California woman's horse trailer. After reassuring her that no, he wasn't planning to steal her five ponies, he hauled her horses 85 miles north to their destination near Lacomb.

No need for thanks, just pay it forward.

STATS...

August 2018 Average Attendance

Worship 91

Sunday School 43

Wednesday Evening 65

Weekly Schedule Sunday

- 9:15 AM **Sunday School** classes for all ages
- 10:30 AM **Worship Service**
(Nursery for babies & Children's Church for ages 2 yrs—4th grade.)
- **Refreshments** following Worship Service

Tuesday

- 7:00AM **Junior High Breakfast Club**
- 7:55AM **Just Prayer**

Wednesday

- 9:15 AM Quilters Craft and Chat
- 6:30 PM **Share-A-Meal**
- 7:00 PM **Groups for Kids**, 2 yrs-12th grade
- 7:00 PM **Adult Group**
Information: Kris Tripp, 541-315-1966

Friday

- 6:30 AM **Men's Breakfast & Bible Study**
Apple Peddler in Sutherlin
Information: Kris Tripp, 541-315-1966
- 10:30 AM **Women's Bible Study**
Resumes September 14th



Love. Grow. Serve.

OFFICE HOURS



- Monday:** 9:00AM—Noon
Tuesday: 9:00AM—3:00PM
Wednesday: 9:00AM—3:00PM
Thursday: 9:00AM—3:00PM

We invite you to join us for a variety of studies and activities during the week. There is something for everyone! Need information? Need transportation? Please call 541-459-4447.



Let's not forget the people in our community who are hurting financially – when you buy your groceries be sure to pick up items for the **Sutherlin/Oakland Emergency Food Pantry**.

Most **needed** food items include:

- shelf-stable milk
- unsaturated cooking oils
- canned meats like tuna, chicken, or salmon
- canned or dried beans
- canned fruits and vegetables
- whole-grain foods: cereal and whole-wheat pasta
- Soups, chilies, and stews
- 100% fruit juice

Please no rusty or unlabeled cans, no perishable items, no home canned items, no soda, and no open or used items.

-Items can be dropped off at the church-
Thank you for caring!

September 2018

9/2—World Coconut Day 

9/18—National Cheeseburger Day 

9/19—Talk Like A Pirate Day 

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Sat

8/26 Classes 9:15 Worship 10:30	8/27	8/28	8/29 9:15 AM Quilters Craft & Chat 6:30PM Meal 7:00PM Groups	8/30	8/31 Men's Breakfast, 6:30AM	1
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