

SHASTA WAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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April 2025



The Compass

A Few Words From Cory...

2 Corinthians 12:9 "Each time [God] said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me."

I heard of a woman who grew up in Oklahoma in a very poor family. She contracted polio around the age of five. The disease ravaged her tiny body leaving her spine severely twisted and one leg shorter than the other. By the time she was school age, the doctors had told her parents she would never walk. Determined not to be different, and though her family could not afford a wheelchair for her, she insisted on attending school, so her brothers pulled her behind them to school every day in a wagon.

She married at an early age. The doctors told her she would never be able to give birth and she desperately wanted to become a mother. Ignoring the doctor's pleas, she became pregnant and in spite of their predictions, she carried the baby to full term and delivered a son, and later a beautiful daughter. Though it would have been easy to give in to her circumstances and become complacent, bitter and complaining, though it would have been easy to become jealous of those around her who had more advantages, she pushed the dark thoughts from her mind and focused on the joy of what she could do instead.

Like the children's story "The Little Engine That Could," she refused to believe she couldn't and she just kept trying.

Through the years, she never considered herself crippled or disabled in any way. At harvest time, she drove a hay truck for her brothers by using pillows to prop herself high enough to see through the windshield. As her children grew, she and her husband began transporting them along with others in the family to church every Wednesday and Sunday. In the summer she canned alongside the other women, never complaining, never slowing. She moved her mother and mother-in-law both in with her and, in spite of her own handicaps, cared for them full time until their demise though they were in their nineties and had debilitating physical and mental disabilities.

Though she could have given up and become the invalid the doctors said she would be, she remained busy helping others and caring for the sick. Like a

SUNDAYS

9am

Sunday School

1:30am

Worship Service

5pm

Youth Group

WEEKLY

Tuesdays

Soul Sisters

10am SWCC

Wednesdays

Life Group

6:30pm SWCC

Cory Lemke

Life Group

6:30pm

1635 Crescent St.

Ben & Laura Powell

Life Group

6pm

14025 Keno Terrace (Keno)

Lee & Tricia Brewer

Saturday

7am

Men's Group - SWCC

MONTHLY

1st Sunday of month

Mission Committee
Meeting

2nd Wednesday of month
Elder's Lunch and Meeting



she refused not to be all she believed she could. She refused to live within the limits others placed on her. She refused to become an invalid and a burden to her family. She had too much to give to be limited by the small thoughts of others. She was a sidewalk flower.

While others retreat into dark places and never realize their full potential, sidewalk flowers do not wilt and die in the dry seasons of life; they put down deeper roots and draw more water to strengthen them. They spread out and embrace the darkness that surrounds them searching for the hidden treasures they know must be combined with the light to bring forth growth above.

One day you look and what at first appeared to be a ragged, spindly weed has become a tough stem of flourishing blossoms sharing its beauty and fragrance with all who come upon it. Some flowers emit an even stronger fragrance when the heat is on, increasing their beauty to the world around them. Ignoring the hard circumstances, they just keep reaching for the light.

"We have no right to ask when sorrow comes, "Why did this happen to me?" unless we ask the same question for every moment of happiness that comes our way." - Author Unknown

John 8:12 Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life."

Keep Reaching!

Cory

FUNNY THINGS KIDS SAY...

- The Sunday School teacher asked the children if they knew what the Resurrection was. One little girl said, "I don't know what it is, but if you have it for more than 4 hours you should go see your doctor".
- A treasure chest was brought to a Sunday School class for an object lesson. When the teacher asked the children to guess what was in the chest, one precocious girl said, "I bet it's me, because I'm a treasure."
- A teacher was teaching about Jesus being a shepherd. She asked, "How are people like sheep?" A boy said, "Some people look like sheep!"



April Events



March 13th Following Service

PIZZA LUNCH: \$5 per person

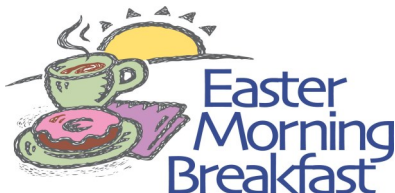
Egg Stuffing Party

RSVP Debbie

541-810-3618



APRIL 20th



EASTER BREAKFAST: 8:30-10:00am

Pancake Bar (Syrup, Peanut butter, Jam, Strawberries & Whipped Cream)

Scrambled Eggs

Sausage

Fresh Fruit

Coffee

Hot Chocolate

Tea

Apple Juice

Orange juice

Please sign up if you can help with cleanup.



EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:30am

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD!

"BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!"

JOHN 12:13, NIV

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH



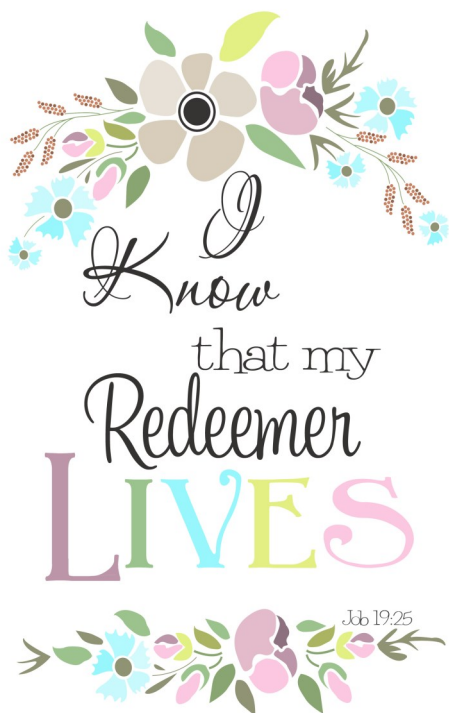
- 1 Buddy Reno
- 1 Watson West
- 4 Piper Howe
- 6 Loretta Lee
- 8 Chris Chandler
- 8 Joan Londborg
- 9 Christen Griffith
- 10 Penelope Cummings
- 12 Mylie Lee
- 13 Matt Hirengen
- 18 Paytin HassKamp
- 20 Jennifer Honeycutt
- 21 Stephen Lund
- 22 Laura Jaskiewicz
- 30 Paul West

*He is not here;
he has risen,
just as he said.
Come and see
the place where
he lay.*

Matthew 28:6



- ⇒ **May 3rd - Flourish Ladies Get-Together**
 - ⇒ **Men's Retreat - 1st weekend in May. More info to come**
 - ⇒ **Church Annual Campout - June 27, 28 & 29th**
 - ⇒ **Week of August 11th - Mission trip to McKinley Indian Reservation in Washington.** This will be a short-term service project. Watch for more info to come.
 - ⇒ **VBS** will be July 14-18. If you are interested in helping, talk to Ben
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- **NW Christian Convention** at Turner, OR will be in June
 - **Week of Missions** will be July 28-August 2nd. This event is at the



MEN'S RETREAT AT MOUNTAIN LAKES BIBLE CAMP

MARCH 2nd-4th (Friday after 4pm until Sunday at noon)

Please sign up if you plan to attend and indicate if you will be there the whole weekend or just for Saturday. **For info, talk to Dave Vanderhoff or Steve Warner.**



ALL CHURCH FAMILY CAMPOUT

At Juanita Lake

June 27, 28 & 29th

Please sign up if you plan to attend.

For more information, talk to Buddy Reno.



LADIES' GET-TOGETHER

May 3rd at SWCC

More information to come.

