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FALL IS HERE!!!

Each season brings its own changes. Changes in temperatures. Changes in weather. Changes in the length of daylight hours.

Change is one thing that is consistent in our lives.

My wife and I recently took a trip to the Steens Mountain in SE Oregon, with the expectations of beautiful views of aspen trees displaying their fall colors. We have been there many times and I envisioned the scene from the top of the rocky cliffs. As we drove up the mountain, the colors did not disappoint. However, the clouds quickly rolled in over us and our vision was reduced to a hundred feet. NO bright colors, NO breath-taking views. Only cold, grey clouds.

Sometimes our lives feel like that. We are unable to see where we are going. We don't enjoy that which surrounds us. We feel cold and lost.

But the clouds on the mountain were constantly moving, giving us a glimpse of what was beyond them. As we traveled back down the mountain and out of the clouds, the sun was bright, highlighting the vibrant colors. We drove on seldom-traveled roads to canyons with all the beauty I had anticipated.

Each trip to the Steens is a unique experience. Spring and summer bring flowers. Winter closes the roads with snow. On this trip, the south road was closed due to rock slides. It is ever-changing with mother nature. Even the animals change. From

domestic sheep and cattle grazing on the wide, open hills to the wild horses, deer and elk roaming the steep slopes and draws. Each adventure is a new and exciting experience. One side of the mountain is a 25-mile slope. The other is a cliff nearly straight down to the Alvord Desert. The slope has three deep gorges that are evidence of the glaciers that carved their way down the mountain thousands of years ago. In our church history we see continual change each month. Sometimes we can plan, other times we feel like we are blinded by the clouds. We have seen God's blessings and know He will provide more. He has been faithful and has a great future for His church.

As we search for a pastor and direction for our church, our vision may become blurry at times. But God knows what is beyond. He knows the beautiful views ahead. Let's accept change in our church life as easily as we do in the seasons.

Blessings,
Jon



BIBLE STUDY

9:30

Sunday Morning's
Fireside Room



Welcome

Judeah Joy

July 12

6lbs 70z

19" long

Jeremiah Asher

September 20th

7lbs 11oz

20" long

MARTHA MEETING

OCT. 9TH

1:00

FIRESIDE ROOM

The lesson for this month is
for each of us to do some
research on why people lived
to be so old in the Old Testament

Birthdays

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| Whitney McCraw | 12 |
| Samuel Benitez | 15 |
| Lauren Christie | 17 |
| Arlene Breckel | 18 |
| Atlas Toquero | 27 |
| Patricia Saul | 28 |
| Richard Stevens | 29 |

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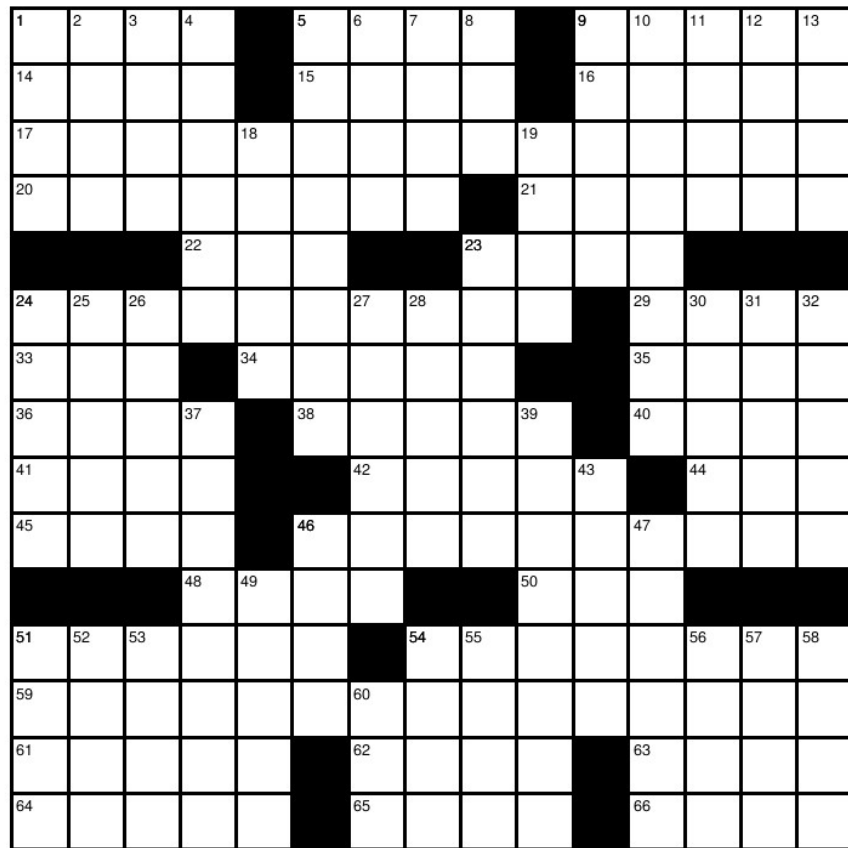
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| Monday | Donna | 9:30-12:30 |
| Wednesday | Julie | 11:00-2:00 |
| Friday | Myra | 12:00-4:00 |

Tat Away

Robert Stockton

ACROSS

1. Lipping lab assistant
5. Florist's accessory
9. Posseser, perhaps
14. Dealer's device
15. Structural beam
16. Duck
17. Bio-weapons which destroy property but not people?
20. Schedule the union meeting?
21. Workers who make regular pit stops?
22. Airline to Amsterdam
23. Shakespeare's foot?
24. Words from a golfer's anthem?
29. Cracked
33. Follower for mod or nod
34. Bergen's pal Mortimer
35. "Sun Salutation" stretching system
36. Genesis figure
38. Bloody 2005 sequel
40. Carol opener
41. Sicilian thing
42. Creditor's claims
44. Born in France
45. Genesis locale
46. Like Oz's Nick Chopper?
48. Atop
50. Jeanne D'Arc, e.g.
51. Bored to tears by
54. Go for the shorter sentence
59. Vacuum chambers, e.g.?
61. Coming out swinging, perhaps
62. It may bring on the heat
63. Sal's canal
64. The Geek Squad, e.g.
65. Past partners
66. Bankrolls



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DOWN

1. Suffix for workers and believers
2. Indian frying ingredient
3. Comet-bearing cloud
4. Reenact a famous shooting?
5. Lack leading to scurvy or rickets
6. Aid the shady
7. Kind of advice
8. Go wrong
9. Sturdy fabric
10. Second generation Indiana senator
11. Earned
12. Frankfurt's river
13. Loch famed for it's "fish stories"
18. Runs without moving?
19. Paperless periodical
23. East or West places
24. Troy follower
25. Genesis event
26. Coquette
27. Secure via a Ziploc
28. "Crocodile Hunter" Steve
30. Big name in craft shops
31. Jibe
32. Maintained a rock garden
37. Jewish Festival of Lights
39. Doo-wop pioneers with #1 hit "The Gypsy"
43. Occupy, as a restaurant booth
46. Superior sort, in Soho
47. Huey, Dewey, or Louie, to Donald
49. Fence features
51. ASAP
52. "Must've been something ___"
53. Bloomberg TV competitor
54. Heart
55. A single time
56. Coin in Cyprus
57. Children's author Blyton
58. Stone and bronze, e.g.
60. It's often dedicated