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DEEP WATER IS MORE INVITING

Not so long ago, I ran into a couple who had recently moved to Oregon from California. As if making a significant move forward Don told me how they were embarking on a new way of walking with God...without any church. "Carol and I were faithful in church attendance in Orange County. Our donation was dropped in the plate every single week. And as far as we know, that was our main value to the leaders there...show up and pay up. A building program came along and the call to give even more was declared to be a way to validate our commitment to God. After years of that we finally decided to start over fresh with God...just us and him". I invited these two de-churched newcomers to join our congregation in stepping into deeper water this summer as we dedicate ourselves to making 'somebody's world a better place'. They liked the idea of being called to actually participate...to get their hands dirty...to spend some of their precious time working up a sweat, in Jesus' name.

I've always been shy about encroaching on other's precious weekend hours. Yet here was a couple who wanted to more than just 'show up', as they put it. Give us a job, they seemed to beg. And it struck me that some people who might show only slight interest in getting up early on Saturday for a light-

weight agenda, even with coffee and donuts thrown in, might very well jump at the chance to (I'll say it again) make somebody's world a better place. This was made all the more clear to me over the last two Sundays when you volunteered to put your carpentry, landscaping, painting, dog-walking, gardening, organizing and secretarial skills to use. Forgive me for not inviting your sweat to flow earlier on. What was I thinking...that you also wanted to simply show up and pay up?

And this matter of service is at the very heart of what Jesus taught. When pressed about the qualifications for walking through the pearly gates, Jesus made it clear that we are to love God and humans. His signature story about this is the one featuring the Great Samaritan. After telling it, Jesus asked who proved to be a good neighbor. The hedging attorney identified the one who dealt out loving and expensive service. Jesus' response: Right! So just do it!

We can rattle off a host of quotes from Jesus, all pointing to compassionate action being his mandate. Of himself he said, 'I didn't come to be served but to serve'. Serve the poor, he said. Visit the sick. Satisfy the basic needs of others. When you take care of 'the least of these' you

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are really serving me.

So we organize work parties, not because we are amazing or unique, but because it is to be our *business as usual*. And the motto It Is Better To Give Than Receive becomes a reality. It feels better. It is the path to deep joy. It pleases God. It makes somebody's world a better place. We can look ourselves in the mirror, right?

Don and Carol may or may not swim with us in these deeper waters. But one thing is for sure...they have little interest in splashing around in the shallows. Maybe you can identify with them. Perhaps you are ready to be harnessed together with other 'willing to get sweaty folk', simply because Jesus said to.

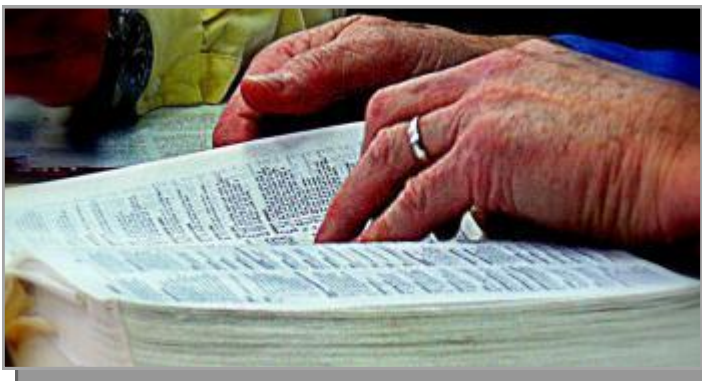
Yours for a Magnificent Summer,




REAL MEN MOW LAWNS

Our marvelous Monday men like to talk, listen, eat, pray...and serve. In keeping with our summer theme of Compassionate Action, some of our guys have committed to mowing and tending the lawns of some folk who find it difficult to do. Care to join the camaraderie? These work forays take place on Monday mornings after the men complete their time at the Old Farm House. Please call Jim if joining forces for Jesus' sake sounds interesting and possible.

All men and boys are invited to the 7:45 breakfast. Bring your Bible...and a friend?



DANE BLAKE GIVES OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT A NEW TOUCH

Arrive early for the monthly double feature and enjoy an hour of fine guitar playing by Dane Blake. Our guest began playing musical instruments at the early age



of 10 and today has a special love for both acoustic and electric guitars. He uses a unique finger style and tuning. He composes music and also serves as a DJ at weddings and special events.

Here is a sampling of the songs you'll hear at **5 p.m. on Movie Night, June 16:**

- Two Gypsy Kings Songs
- Here Comes The Sun
- With A Little Help From My Friends
- Laura's Theme (Dr. Zhivago)
- Blowin' In The Wind
- Isn't It A Pity
- Livin' On A Prayer
- Three Original Songs
- Some Blues Improv's

Dane hopes his numbers will be wonderful, mysterious and exciting.

The snack bar will open at the usual time, 6 pm, but drop in at 5 for a real treat.

GOSPEL CONCERT JUST AROUND THE CORNER

We are excited to announce that Refiner's Fire will present an evening of Gospel music on Sunday evening, June 10. Many of



our folk will remember Craig Harris, our guest artist, from his presentation at the Habitat for Human-i-Tea recently.

Tickets for **individuals** are available through the church office at **\$10**. A ticket for the **entire family** is just **\$20**. Those who have heard Craig Harris in person can attest to the certainty of this being a splendid evening. If you wish to invite others, tickets can also be purchased online at www.sirrahgroup.org.

Light refreshments will be served.

Christian Church of Ashland...

Sunday Evening...June 10...6 pm

POTLUCK-SUNDAY, JUNE 17

Sunday June 17 (Father's Day) celebrate Dads. Grads & Vads (Veterans, Active & Deployed Service personnel). **A-K Bring main dish & salad L-Z bring side dish & dessert.** ALSO, there will be a cupcake decorating contest - anyone, any age can enter. Prizes at the potluck will be given for most in line with holiday theme (any of the above-Dad's Grads or "Vads"), most creative, and tastiest.

Kay Killian

INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL DAY

On **Sunday, June 3**, in honor of International Environmental Day, bring your own coffee or drinking cup to church. We hope to may this a fun way to phase our Styrofoam cups and incorporate reusable drinking containers to the church. It will be "Show your Ugly Mug" Sunday. Ugliest Mug wins a prize. Put your name on your cup or mug and leave it at the church for future use. Comb the thrift stores for the most unique or ugly mug you can find! This promises to be a lot of fun!!!

ANDREA AND TOM FITTED FOR ROBES AND WINGS

Oh happy day! Our neighbors and dear friends, Tom and Andrea Arriolla, made their move to be baptized into Christ. Unfortunately for us, the Arriollas have since moved back to Fontana, California, where many family members live. Congratulations to these fine folk as they take this vital step forward. Jim

THIRD WAY PROJECTS OFF AND RUNNING

Our church has chosen to make the summer of 2012 one of compassionate service. Some of this is aimed at helping our own folk, but most is offered to the community. Already several yards have been tended to...a lady's home is getting some organizational help...another person is getting unpacked and her stuff is getting put away...all of this before our campaign actually launches!

Thanks to all who have made their skills, tools and their time available to make somebody's world a better place!

SUMMER OF SERVICE

Your Elders and church board have elected to do some serious reaching out and touching this summer. As this edition of the newsletter is being put together teams are already being formed to coordinate our efforts to share the love of Christ in tangible, helpful ways. We encourage you to enlist friends, family and neighbors to get onboard.

Whether you can do some carpentry, swing a paint brush, push a lawnmower or run a bingo game for oldsters at a care facility, we'll put you to work helping others. All throughout the summer we'll be 'sharing the love'. This is exactly what Jesus calls us to do...love our neighbors.

If you know of someone who can't afford to hire work done or is unable to complete it themselves, please give me a call and we'll survey the situation and see if we have the people and skills to 'get'r done'. Jim 541-890-3209

COMMUNICATIONS CLASS...

JUNE 21

I've taught this short course at so many locations. It is always well-received. And the reason is quite simple. I help folk harness five listening skills to better equip them for 'active listening'. We are inviting the community to sign up. Join me on **Thursday, June 21**, for a three hour workshop. If you devote yourself to exercising the skills present-

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ed (and practiced) you'll surely see a change in relationships, new and old. **Time: 6-9 p.m.** Please RSVP to me if you plan to participate: Jim Larsen 541-890-3209.



OTHER THIRD THURSDAY COURSES TAUGHT BY OUR PASTOR

SEVEN STEPS TO PERSONAL RIGHTEOUSNESS

(a Colorful Prayer Journey)
Jim has taught this one-session course at Northwest Christian University, on the Mission Field and at many churches. Now we'll have it taught in Ashland. Come discover a daily walk with God that is dynamic, easy to outline and packed with potential to change your life.

Thursday Evening...**July 19...6 -8 pm...**Fellowship Hall

ROLE RENEGOTIATION...HOPE FOR EVER-CHANGING RELATIONSHIPS

I strongly encourage every engaged couple to walk through this course before tying the knot. We all need to be prepared to re-examine our expectations as we journey along in relationships formal and informal. I've taught this in the business world as well to those married, planning to marry, or seeking guidance in relationships of significance. Use the sign-up sheet when it is posted, please.

Thursday Evening...**August 16...6-8:30 p.m....**Fellowship Hall

JACKSON HOUSE... SO APPRECIATED

Those good people on Suncrest Avenue in Talent will welcome your visit. Feel free to show up when I'm there on Sundays at 2 pm. **Right now a Bingo caller is needed at 3 on Sundays.** Any volunteers for this easy but important task? Your mere appearance will be treasured. Jim

MOUNTAIN VIEW, TUESDAYS AT TWO

How can I ever express what a blessing this Tuesday visit is to all concerned...the residents of Mountain View Retirement Living, the staff (with their open hearts), and those of us who drop in for Bible study, prayer and fellowship? Several of our church folk are residents of this retirement center. It's great to make this mid-week connection with them and others who congregate with us. Tuesdays at Two. Jim L.

OUTDOOR PICNICS A SMASH

Each 'last Saturday' of the summer months finds us at Emigrant Lake, just outside of Ashland. The 'us' is comprised of cooks who show up at 8 to set up and do prep work. The nine o'clock 'us' is a batch of grateful and eager eaters. What's on the menu? Oh, you might get scrambled or 'to order' eggs. Then, too, the griddle is always steaming with onions, peppers, hash browns, mushrooms and either sausage or bacon. All lo-cal, low cholesterol vittles, right? Expect hot coffee, juice and some sort of fruit. On special Saturdays Jerry Moore or Earl Rogers will whip up some Dutch oven biscuits and country gravy.



Please take note: These fab events are intended for widening our circle of fellowship. Come alone is you must...but my aim is for each of us to invite a friend or neighbor.

Remember: Bring four or five dollars for parking and a little something for the donation jar. Seating can be a little rigid, so your lawn chair will be worth the toting. Binoculars, jacket, camera?
See you on **June 30, July 28 and August 25**, please.
Jim L

MISSION MOMENT...

EACH SUNDAY

You've noticed. Each week we take a few moments to focus on one of the missions/missionaries we support. May was devoted to highlighting the Marlia-Larsens and their labors for Christ in Tacna, Peru. June will have us getting excited about Crystal Garcia's upcoming trek to Kenya. This seems so right for a congregation fully committed to supporting those who are bent on expanding the Kingdom around the world.



SAINTS ALIVE AND PRAYING

By now you know that these oldsters (ouch!) are the laughing sort. It is one of the foundation stones of their monthly roundup. They enjoy each other's



jokes, usually. You'll hear them reading a recent ditty from the internet. Mostly the morning is about touching base, connecting, soft gossip, encouragement and a shoulder-rub from time to time. But count on this...you will hear praying going on. We thank God for the Iron Skillet's ample buffet and expansive menu, of course. But you'll hear prayers being offered up for the needs and celebrations of those near and dear. So, whatever your age, drop in on June 2nd at 9...in the morning. Here's another opportunity to introduce a friend to your church pals.

39PLUS...ALWAYS UPLIFTING

You know the drill...at 10 we play games...at 11 we study the Word...Noontime is for eating some of Marie Hoffman's fare. Bring a little something to share, if you'd like. Tote along your Bible for sure. We meet at her place (61 North Mountain Ave) on June 5.

On June 27...Newsletter Folding. This is such fun. Sit around the table and select your task...folding, labeling, applying the sticker, use the crease roller... or cheer the rest of us on. Show up at 10 for work. Come a little later for Bible Study and stick around for the potluck (bring a little something, okay?). Where? Fellowship Hall...

ROGUE RIDERS TREK TO SUMMER JOE'S



Oh, it is a splendid place for a flowery lunch. Summer Joe's in Grants Pass features colorful and highly scented outdoor garden dining. Our June 20 excursion will launch from the church parking lot at 10 am, caravanning or carpooling. Please notify Jim Larsen if you plan to join the fun.

Our trip to the Fish Hook Restaurant near Hornbrook, California, was splendid. The restaurant sits

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on the banks of the Klamath River. After lunch and a walkabout at the fish hatchery we meandered through cattle country on our way back to the Siskiyou Mountains.

LIBRARY THOUGHT

“I would rather be a poor man
In a garret with plenty of books,
than a king
who did not love reading”.

— Thomas B. Macauley

JARED LAUDERDALE GRADUATES



Congratulations to Jared Lauderdale and family as they celebrate Jared's graduation from Southern Oregon University on June 16th with a degree in Business.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 4 - Brian Marlia-Larsen
- 12 - Bob Heath
- 19 - Edan Rudy
- 23 - Laurie Royer
- 27 - Brian Garcia
- 28 - Mike Royer
- 29 - Colton McDonald
- 29 - Ericha Tiller
- 29 - Michael Wing



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 - Doyle and Linda Cornwell
- 11 - Ed and April Macauley
- 11 - Brian and Crystal Garcia
- 15 - James and Sandee McDaniel
- 20 - Adam and Nadine Christie
- 26 - Andrew and Rebecca Blore

Editor's Note: If I have missed your birthday or anniversary please let me know so I can update my calendar and include them in the future. If I have included any that you would like removed please let me know that also. Just send corrections to the church office. Brad

"JESUS, LORD OF ALL"

"The Family of God"

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:45 AM Real Men-Old Farm House Cafe Brian Murlis-Larsen, B'day</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00 AM 39 Plus - Marie Hoffman's Home</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Doyle & Linda Cornwell, Ann</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>12:30 PM Board Meeting 2:00 PM Jackson House Ministry 6:00 PM Refiner's Fire Concert \$10 - Single \$20 Family</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:45 AM Real Men-Old Farm House Cafe Brian & Crystal Garcia, Ann Ed & April Maccauley, Ann</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps 2:00 PM Mountain View Small Group Bob Heath, B'day</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Anisa Bero, B'day</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Flag Day</p>	<p>15</p> <p>James & Sandee McDaniel, Ann</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:00 PM Dane Blake on Guitar 6:30 PM Old Time Movie Night</p>
<p>17</p> <p>12:15 PM Potluck 2:00 PM Jackson House Ministry</p>  <p>Father's Day</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:45 AM Real Men-Old Farm House Cafe</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps 2:00 PM Mountain View Small Group Edan Rudy, B'day</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:00 AM Rogue Riders - Summer Jo's - Grants Pass Adean & Nadine Christie, Ann</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:00 PM The Helping, Healing, Wonder of Listening - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Laurie Royer, B'day</p>
<p>24</p> <p>2:00 PM Jackson House Ministry</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:45 AM Real Men-Old Farm House Cafe</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps 2:00 PM Mountain View Small Group Andrew & Rebecca Blore, Ann</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:00 AM 39 Plus - Newsletter Folding Brian Garcia, B'day</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Mike Royer, B'day</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Colton McDonald, B'day Erica Tiller, B'day Michael Wing, B'day</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00 AM Summer Breakfast - Emigrant Lake</p>

July						
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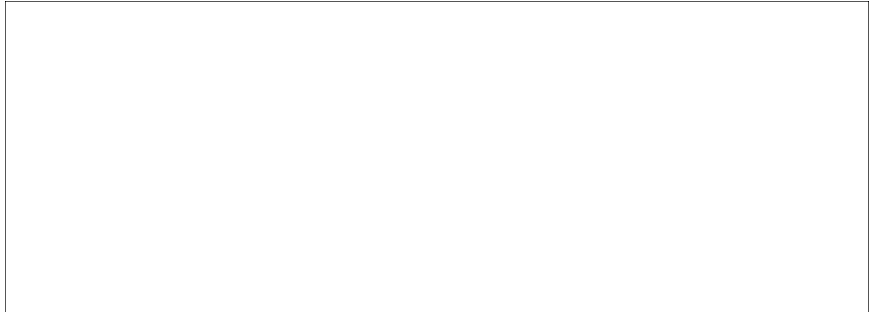
Sunday Service Schedule

9:30 AM Adult Bible Study
10:30 AM Junior Church
10:45 AM Worship
Podcast available at:
podcast.cc-ashland.org

Faithful to God, Responsive to People



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



AN ANGEL OF MERCY AND A DEVIL-MAY-CARE ADVENTURER!



We are pleased to present the 1931 "NIGHT NURSE" starring Barbara Stanwyck as a nurse who is unable to ignore the strange goings-on in the home where she is working. This excellent hard-bitten tale also features Joan Blondell, adding zingy support, and presents Clark Gable in one of his most impressive early screen performances as the callous chauffeur, all directed by legendary great William "Wild Bill" Wellman. This film is still potent today. Be there ASAP!

After the intermission of vintage drive-in snack-bar ads and vintage coming attraction previews we will showcase Errol Flynn, famous for his portrayals of dashing heroes with a sword in one hand and a beautiful woman in the

other, starring in the 1948 Technicolor "ADVENTURES OF DON JUAN." After nine years away from the swash-buckling genre, Flynn returned in the title role, to rescue the Spanish Queen (Viveca Lindfors) from the snares of an evil duke (Robert Douglas.) Watch a mature, wiser, warmer version of the famous Flynn bravado in this Oscar-winner for costumes and marvel at the knockout grand staircase, the site of one of cinema's greatest duels. En Garde! "This time I'm wearing my old clothes."



Our reasonably priced snack-bar will be open most of the evening, so bring a hearty appetite.



Be sure to inform your friends and neighbors about our monthly event! Spread the word: The movies are **FREE**. But donations are gladly accepted.

While you're at it, consider bringing something for the Ashland Emergency Food Bank.