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THE QUESTION

Was it November of '60 or '61? However uncertain the exact year, I shall never forget the exact feeling... or the shudder that went like a wave through me. My brother, Buddy, and I were trapping muskrats and mink around the ponds which were set like jewels in the back country near our home in Northern Wisconsin. They were long, arduous days for the two of us. Normal chores before dawn. School. Then, setting pins at Al's Bowling Alley after wrestling practice. Milking the cow after walking four miles home. Now the insanity of the late night checking of traps.

We had hiked the familiar trails connecting our trap line, poled the old boat around our favorite little lake where muskrats were plentiful, collected a few 'rats' from our traps, and now lay exhausted in the bottom of our wooden craft...near midnight.

The stars...and a silvery slice of moon. There in the far north, about as close to heaven as possible, we stretched out in the rowboat...staring into eternity. Fresh paper-thin ice scraped the boat every time we moved. Two exhausted brothers caught their breath before hiking home to skinning duties before bed.

To this day I cannot forget the haunting question which Buddy whispered. I had posed it previously, but always silently to myself. 'Could a guy be

happy up there if his dad wasn't there too?'

It was no idle query. Perhaps it was a bit selfish of us. A mature person might have asked about our dad's plight if he didn't catch the heaven train. Or maybe he'd consider what it would take to get dad into earshot of the message of the cross.

But we were young. And heaven was spread before our weary eyes... eternity was staring us in the face... and Dad was on our minds.

Over the years that question dogged me.

Once when flipping pages of pictures from WWII, I was struck by the pathetic image of a child being torn from her parent's arms, as soldiers shoved them onto a train headed for a concentration camp. The look was that of utter horror at being forever separated. Those wild eyes and begging lips!

That night in the boat with heaven on the brain, a forever parting penetrated my heart and had my lips quivering. Could a guy be happy up there if...

Can I forget that Sunday evening, miles and miles from Wisconsin, when my dad finally gave church a

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try? At the conclusion of a Sunday night message we sang an 'invitation' hymn. As everyone stood to sing "Just As I Am," Dad pushed by those in his row, working his way to the aisle. We held our collective breath, wondering if he'd walk toward the exit...or make his move toward Jesus. He took a right turn. Everyone was crying. That night, in the desert of Nevada, Dad was immersed into Jesus Christ. I took a few steps back from the swimming pool and looked toward heaven...at the same stars that punctuated the midnight sky that difficult night so long before. And a shudder swept through me again. Our dad was lowered into that watery grave...rising to walk, ageless. Oh, Dad.




39PLUS...AUG 1 AND 29

You receive this newsletter because a crew of service-minded saints have folded it, creased it, and put that little sticker on it...all with love. Of course our group is happy to handle every copy. After getting the stack of correspondence ready to go they enjoy a time of studying the Bible...and sharing in a potluck lunch. Maybe you'd like to join the fun/work? This month we'll be meeting on Wednesday, August 29... 10 in the morning. Drop in...and bring something to share on the communal table.

Earlier in August (1st) our bunch invites you to join with them at Marie Hoffman's place, 61 N. Mountain Avenue. Those spirited games of Uno, Kings Korner or SkipBo are waiting for you...at 10 am. Before lunch Jim will lead us in a Bible study at about 11. Marie's tasty lunch is calling your name. Say yes and we'll share fine fare at noon. This is for folk of all ages. Again...Wednesday...August 1... 10.

ERNIE POTTER...HEAVEN BOUND!



On July 19 dear Ernie Potter departed from his earthly tent to 'sieve the everlasting prize'. Our entire congregation extends love and sympathy to his precious wife, Irma. The family saluted Ernie in the worship service the Sunday after his passing, with plans to have a family memorial time in Hillsboro. May God bless you, Irma...and faithful daughter, Janice Stringer.

ROGUE RIDERS THROW A MORNING PARTY IN LITHIA PARK

Our traveling bunch will stay close to home in August. And they invite you to join them. Throw a picnic lunch together and make your way to Cottonwood Memorial Picnic Area (the long parking lot on the left just past the upper duck pond) in Lithia Park. Dessert will be provided...as well as table service and iced tea. Bring a lawn chair if you'd like. Day: **Wednesday, August 15. Time, 11** (to get a jump on the heat).

REAL MEN...SHARE THE LOVE!

Indeed, they like to share morning vittles. And you know they dig into the Word too. You've heard how they pray for one another...and for you! But one of the guys talks of moving...and others quickly volunteer trucks and helping hands. Fishing sounds good...so these guys drag a boat to one of our lakes



and drown night crawlers together. Somebody has plans to do some yard work for a needy soul... suddenly it becomes a team event. Like this sort of cohort? Come by The Old Farm House in Phoenix (Oregon!) any Monday morning at quarter 'til 8... and expect to share the love.

COMPASSIONATE ACTION INCLUDES LOVING LABOR ON CHURCH BUILDING

Since the janitorial work of the church is now done on a volunteer basis we have a host of tasks waiting for your nod. Weekly vacuuming, window washing, straightening pew racks, and other work needs to be done on a regular basis. Perhaps you'd rather join the deacon/deaconess cadre in tending to landscaping needs. On **Saturday, August 4th**, we'll have plants and soil amendments on hand at **10:30 a.m.** for you outdoors types. It would be a fine time for a bunch of indoor people to tackle some housekeeping chores. Let's work till noonish and head somewhere for a light lunch!

A signup sheet in the Library will provide opportunity for committing to tasks throughout the summer.

Work Day: **August 4 Time: 10:30-Noonish**
Lunch anybody?

OUTDOOR BREAKFASTS JULY 28 & AUGUST 25

Twenty eight of you made the trek to Emigrant Lake for our June breakfast. In July and August we'll feature homemade Dutch oven biscuits (and gravy)...made on location. Throw in bacon, eggs to order, hash browns and veggies on the griddle, fruit and stuff to drink...hey, we have a real feast waiting for us. Those who wish to help do prep work, please arrive about 8.



Diners can expect to have breakfast in hand about 9. Bring a lawn chair, 4 bucks for parking, a few dollars for the Donation Basket, and a friend. This is one of the highlights of our year.

We'll be located just below the first parking area (across from the toll booth).

CAMPERS RETURN REFRESHED AND INSPIRED

Our folk provided scholarships for our senior high campers this year. The remaining dollars were given out of the budget (youth activity fund). We are glad that Sean Rogers, Chris Macauley and Nathanael Rogers had another great time. These guys have been going to Bible camp together for several years. They have expressed sincere thanks for the privilege of a week at Grove Christian Service Camp each summer. Welcome home, gentlemen!

KAREN TO ASSIST MIDWIFE

Lori Jo Marlia-Larsen is expecting a baby girl in mid-August. And she is overjoyed that her mom will fly to Lima and on to Tacna, Peru (hopefully) in time for delivery. Lori's will be a home birth, with a midwife in attendance. God bless you, ladies (and infant).

BRIAN GARCIA SNAGS VIDEOGRAPHY AWARDS



Brian Garcia is pretty humble about this. He is a master of producing provocative videos which churches use in their services all over the world. Recent productions garnered him special notice by those who specialize in and market such art. He is in Dallas (as this is being written) to receive awards for his acclaimed work. Way to go, good man!

COMPASSIONATE ACTION TOUCHES SO MANY LIVES

Many, many thanks to those of you who have done such a variety of work this summer, making 'someone's world a better place'. Lois benefitted from Laurie and Marianne helping her. These ladies, with help from Gwen Jarrell, also did sorting and storing clothes and stuff in moving boxes for Christine. Two of our guys moved Donna to Corvallis. Two families have had their lawns mowed (and weeds whacked) throughout the summer. A single mom had her backyard looking like a park...thanks to ten workers doing their magic with a variety of tools and skills. Vacuuming and other housekeeping has been done at our church building. Our plan has been to make this a Summer of Service. It is happening!



OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT

For over a decade we've been projecting classic movies on our auditorium screen every Third Saturday. And the accolades don't stop. Mike Royer's

choice of movies is exquisite. Movie buffs and families looking for fine entertainment keep on pouring in, first stopping at our snack bar, then proceeding to a comfy pew. Intermission is the magic moment...or ten minutes of moments. Friendships are struck up and rekindled. We do our valley a fine service by providing its citizens with these flicks. A recent attendee commented that we help Ashland seem like a community, by opening our doors to everyone.

DANE BLAKE, PRELUDE TO MOVIE NIGHT

We love this guy. He has music leaping off of the guitar. 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.



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

MONICA AND JIMMY...MARRIED!

Monica Duggins and Jimmy Collum, were married on Saturday, July 21. Monica and her mom Kathy having been sharing in the life our church family for several months. May God bless this new family! They live in Talent. Congratulations to Jimmy and Monica Collum.

DONNA BAIZE SUFFERS A STROKE

Our dear Donna traveled to Bend, Oregon, to be near her daughter at her time of surgery. While there Donna suffered a stroke. She is making a good recovery but would certainly appreciate your faithful prayers.

Donna's temporary address is:
St. Charles Medical Center
2500 NE Neff Rd., Room #351
Bend, OR 97701

OUR PASTOR TEACHES IN SOUTH AMERICA

"I'm so very pleased to have been invited to teach college-level courses at a conference in Trujillo and at a Bible Institute in Tacna, Peru. In Trujillo my topics will be Biblical Themes and Perspectives of the New Testament (a course I also teach for Northwest



Christian University, Eugene, Oregon), Dynamic Prayer, and a Communications course. In Tacna I'll be teaching a 4 day course on Preaching. It will be my joy to also deliver the sermon at a gathering of several congregations the Sunday I am there. I'm grateful to serve a congregation that sees the value of their pastor being something of a mini traveling Bible college for students with little opportunity to head off to a school for training." Jim L

(Jim will be in Peru the last few days of August and the first part of September. God bless you, pastor.)

JACKSON HOUSE

Thanks to Danielle Meyers who has volunteered to call Bingo at Jackson House. The precious residents at this assisted living facility enjoy our Sunday ministry there at 2 p.m., and will surely appreciate this lovely lady's friendliness and care. Thanks, Danielle!

LIBRARY MOMENT

THE FINAL ACT OF LIVING by Barbara Karnes:

A Book to provoke thinking, courage, and compassionate actions---

"They say most anything you eat could hurt your health

Be careful what you drink, don't harm yourself

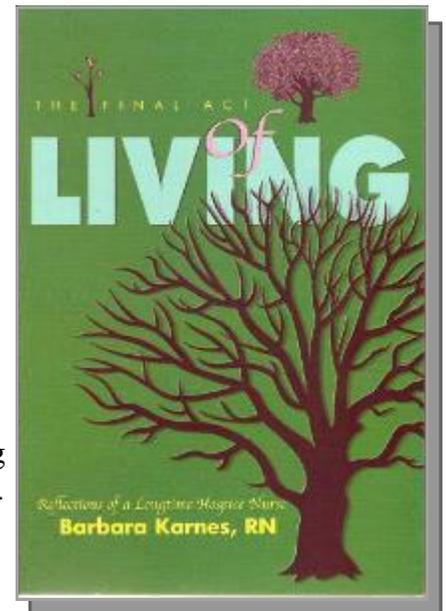
And pollution in the air might make you sick

Makes you afraid to live, afraid that you might die too quick

*Do the men that quote this danger really know?
Life is gift to be enjoyed, why worry so?
The biggest danger sign that we should know
Make sure we're right with God, as through this
world we go"*

Porter Wagoner's lyrics give a gently humorous nudge to consider living life with God as more important than living in fear of death. Good advice, but our earthly bodies still die and the dying process can be quite mysterious. Our family is in the midst of my Daddy's "Final Act of Living" more commonly called dying. Barbara Karnes book **The Final Act of Living**, provides both practical advice about procedural concerns of death and insights gained from her 30 plus years helping people deal with the pain, fear, and joy of the end of life process. Whatever your age or stage of life, I recommend her book to you. Remember, statistics show the present mortality rate is 100%. You will have opportunity to participate in "The final Act of Living" either first hand or as ministry to others.

If you want to sample Barbara's writing style and peruse a few pages on a specific subject, check out one or more of the three pamphlets available in the church library. "A Time to Live" is about living with a life-threatening illness. "Gone from My Sight" is about the dying experience. "The Eleventh Hour" is a sensitive guideline for the caregivers during the last hours to minutes before death.



Reader alert: "A Time to Live" is more straightforward and direct in manner, the material may be emotionally difficult to read...

Janice Stringer

PIECE CORP



We ladies have been busy putting quilts of all sizes together. Most are lap-size, one large one and a very special small one.

Our two special visitors on July

17 were given a lesson on hand-sewing and quilting. A small quilt was put together for favorite toy.

Anyone who would like to learn how to quilt or work on their own project from home are welcome to join us on Tuesday mornings at 9:30.



Ava Fish

SAINTS ALIVE...AND HAPPY

We do this every month...and look forward to good times. There is no agenda except for laughter and fine dining. Your last month may have carried some stress and challenges. Yet here, on the first Saturday of the month, you can set it all aside and enjoy the company (and jokes) of your friends. The menu is ample...as are the servings. And the buffet at the Iron Skillet...well, truck drivers love this place. Need we say more?

We can't underestimate the value of this sort of interaction among believers. You'll remember the words of Acts...about eating together regularly, and with gladness. See you at the Iron Skillet in Phoenix (Oregon) on Saturday, August 4th at 9 a.m.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 6 - Dawson Ford
- 7 - Evelyn Sayles
- 11 - Marie Hoffman
- 13 - Paul Creel
- 13 - Sybil Laredo
- 19 - Jennie Macauley
- 19 - Maryanne Rossini
- 21 - Cielo Marlia-Larsen
- 24 - Josiah Garcia
- 28 - Nadine Christie



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 18 - Ted and Kay Killian
- 26 - Michael and Kathy Wing

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>2:00 PM Jackson House Ministry</p>	<p>7:45 AM Real Men-Old Farm House Cafe Dawson Ford, B'day</p>	<p>9:30 AM Piece Corps 2:00 PM Mountain View Small Group Evelyn Sayles, B'day</p>	<p>10:00 AM 39 Plus - Marie Hoffman's Home</p>			<p>9:00 AM Saints Alive Breakfast - Iron Skillet</p>
<p>12:30 PM Board Meeting 2:00 PM Jackson House Ministry</p>	<p>7:45 AM Real Men-Old Farm House Cafe Sybil Laredo, B'day Paul Creel, B'day</p>	<p>9:30 AM Piece Corps 2:00 PM Mountain View Small Group</p>	<p>11:00 AM Rogne Riders - Lithia Park</p>			<p>5:00 PM Dane Blake on Guitar 6:30 PM Old Time Movie Night Ted & Kay Killian, Ann</p>
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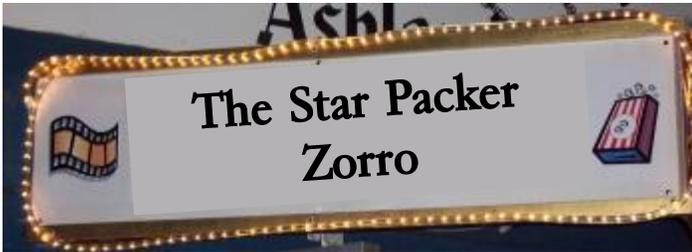
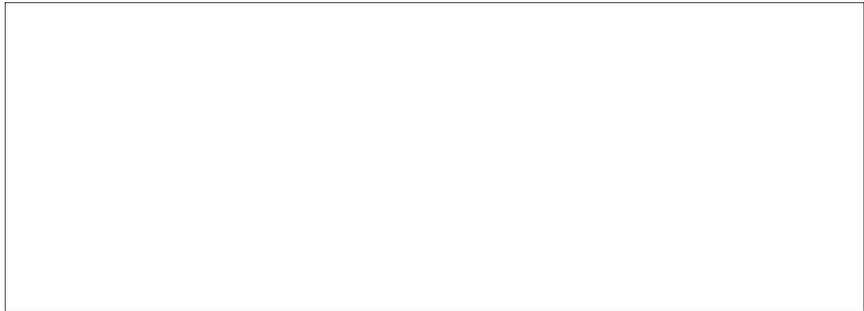
Sunday Service Schedule

9:30 AM Adult Bible Study
10:30 AM Junior Church
10:45 AM Worship

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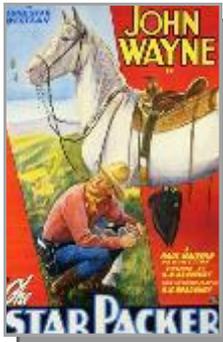


RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**A NIGHT OF LEGENDARY FICTIONAL HEROES:
JOHN WAYNE AND THE FOX, EL ZORRO!**

On **Saturday, August 18th** we kick off the evening of *High Adventure* with a 1934 Monogram *Lone Star* western "**THE STAR PACKER**" starring a young John Wayne, paying his cinematic dues toiling in low budget westerns, but already beginning to define for many moviegoers what it was to be a *hero*. It's the oft-told tale of a young cowboy who takes on the job of a sheriff in a small town to combat an outlaw gang, this one led by a mysterious hooded figure called *The Shadow*. Lots of action makes this poverty row gem a "good'un." Wayne's pal is played by the Golden Age's "King" of the stuntmen, Yakima Canutt, who later directed the famous chariot race in the widescreen epic "*Ben Hur*."



After an intermission of vintage drive-in snack-bar ads and coming attraction "trailers" we will present our newest "Old Time" movie: 1975's "**ZORRO**." To please his son Anthony, a child at the time, French "new wave" and gangster film star *Alain Delon* accepted

the starring role in a film that "*kids and the whole family could enjoy*." It is a zesty retelling of the saga of the legendary masked rider and hero of the oppressed as Don Diego adopts the guise of the foppish new governor of a Latin American province *and* that of the masked hero Zorro to avenge a friend's murder. Stanley Baker, in one of his *last* roles, plays the cruel Colonel Huerta. Set in South America rather than Old California this film is *great fun*. This movie inspired Ilya Salkind to make a motion picture about another superhero. That movie turned out to be 1978's "*SUPERMAN*." It also was an inspiration to the makers of the Antonio Bandaras 1998 "*The Mask Of Zorro*." We will be screening the *complete uncut* "**ZORRO**," *never shown in the United States*. *Long live Zorro!*



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

Be sure and spread the word. Tell your friends and neighbors about this *family friendly* event. Shout it from the rooftops! Mention it in emails!

Doors and snack-bar open at 6 p.m. and the movies start at 6:30. There is no charge for admission, but donations are accepted.

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

