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YOU CALL THAT A PLAN?



Imagine how this system works. God builds a nation out of Abraham. Moses delivers the Law to those

Hebrew folk. Then out of Israel a deliverer comes. Jesus lives 33 years and is crucified...and resurrected. Then, the improbable! Yes, then he puts the message of his amazing grace in the hands of people like Jared Lauderdale, Linda Cornwell and Jean Vermillion. What was God thinking!?

GM and Toyota know how to sell their product...and it isn't like that. But God...no, he just hands his story off to a few chums who've followed Jesus for three years...an odd bunch any way you look at them. What kind of a plan is that, friend? The story is not sensible and it turns out to be exceedingly dangerous to tell it. But it was (and is) God's plan. Those who are rescued are commissioned to rescue others. The saved are to be about the business of saving others. The plan is as simple as that.

There are a few details to deal with. And they are fine threads in the fabric of it all. God promises to accompany all who will be his ambassadors. His Holy Spirit will somehow enliven the Word as it is proclaimed. God promises to live within those who are obedient. That's good. And when a cadre of believers holds on to each other he again 'somehow' takes up residence within them. They become his caravan moving through oft-times hostile territory. They'll hold on to Him and to each other...and experience great joy.

These little bunches of disciples are the hope of the world...the hope of any community. It may not seem to be a great business plan, but it has been turning continents upside down for 2000 years now. God believes in us to be his outpost in Ashland...and throughout the valley where our folk live. His plan is simple: the rescued make it their business to rescue others...in his power, with his help and for his glory.

Engaged in The Plan,

OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT A HIT

Mike Royer smacks home runs. In March he scored by featuring two classic westerns. Attendance was one of our all-time highs. As you all know, the monthly showing of these old films presents you with wonderful opportunities. Invite a few friends to enjoy wholesome entertainment, cheap treats...and meet your church friends in the process. By the way, we are currently seeking to recruit a few helpers for the snack bar. Interested? Call Karen Larsen...541-890-1138.



TEENS HEAD TO LAVA CAVES

They asked for it...an excursion to the Lava Beds south of Klamath Falls. So off we go! All teens are welcome to join the fun. Other folk want to join in? Call Jim Larsen and get in on the details. We'll leave the church about 8 with plans to return by 6. Save a few bucks to cover lunch.

Day: Saturday, May 14

SPRING FLING MAY 9-10-11 GOLD BEACH



Rogue Riders will be heading to the coast on M-T-W, May 9-10-11. This is a loosely structured get-away. Make your own lodging plans. At least some of our folk will be bedding down at Ireland's Rustic Lodges. Plan to walk on the beach, plant yourself at the Biscuit Book Store and Coffee Shop, drive up the Rogue River...take your pick. The best part of it is all is the joy of spending such time with friends.

You'll want to make reservations for Monday and Tuesday evenings. All ages (and families) are welcome to join the fun. We'll work out transportation plans as the roster develops. Please use the sign-up sheet in the library to express your interest in this trek and treat.

NURSERY TEAM HIRED

With a growing number of young families worshipping with us we've finally hired a nursery team to watch our little ones who are infants to 3 years of age. The nursery is tended by very fine ladies, from 9:25 through the worship hour (and a bit of cookie time). You know that we also have a fine team working with children 3-5 and first through 6 grades. Yipee!

SMALL GROUPS START TIME: WEEK OF PALM SUNDAY

I'm delighted to see that we'll have a Small Group meeting in the University neighborhood. At the other end of town and the age spectrum another Group will meet in Bobbie Ashby's apartment in the Mountain View assisted living complex. I have plans to start at group at the Boulevard Coffee Shop in the Stratford Inn (next to Safeway). This will be a daytime venue.

A bit further north, in Talent, the Stringers are planning to launch a Small Group at their home. It will be held early in the week. Also in Talent, Earl and Emily Rogers will host and lead a group at their home...theirs taking place late in the week.

In Medford, Ted and Kay Killian are in hopes of joining with some other folk in conducting a Small Group which would rotate from home to home. Any takers in the Medford, Central Point or Eagle Point communities? Use the sign-up sheet in the church library to express your interest.

All of these groups will have a start-up time of the week of April 17. There is time to get on board. We are hoping that this ministry will contribute to increased fellowship, evangelism and personal growth. The more the merrier.

Again, use the sign-up sheet in the library to get on board. Jim L.

POTLUCK APRIL 17

Our April Potluck is scheduled for the 17th. We are still in need of a host or hostess. Just another opportunity to share.. This is always a great chance to share good food and get to know old and new friends alike. Our March potluck was very well attended.

If your last name begins with **A-K, please bring a main dish and a salad.** If your last name begins with **L-Z, please bring a main dish and a dessert.** Single folks just bring one item to share.

Remember the ovens are on for keeping food warm, so please bring your food already cooked.

REAL MEN CHEW THE FAT



One good guy calls our Monday Morning powwow his church. He has a strong relationship with God. But this where he connects with the 'two or three gathered' which Jesus spoke of. And we all treasure the bond which piles of pancakes and dozens upon dozens of fried eggs have created. Oh, it is more than the grub, of course. But there is something about eating together that helps friendships grow.

Mel usually brings a bunch of Lookout magazines...enough for all. We pray together, go off on a few rabbit trails...but always read the scriptures

and use them to do their work in our lives.

New men are always welcome. Jerry Moore will soon be home to pay the ticket for first-timers. You'll need your green card, refrigerator warranty and a note from your doctor to qualify...and this ad, buster! Monday mornings...Old Farm House... 7:45

PREACHING AND PONDERING ACTS

Our sermon series in Luke will be completed in late April. Then we'll jump into Acts. Each week I'll create short video, reflecting on the sermon text that week. Our small groups will locate that video on YouTube or a DVD, along with discussion questions for their cohort. The hope is that Luke's book (Acts) will soak into our hearts. Sunday sermons and Small Group discussions should combine to give us more insight into God's marvelous 'mail' to us.



My suggestion is that our entire congregation gets into a serious Bible reading program. Read through Acts from any version you like. Perhaps you'd want to listen to a taped or CD version. Please let me know how you progress on your reading. Jim L

JOHN HENDEE TO HELP US SHARE THE GOSPEL

Here is a guy who has led hundreds of people to Christ, and has assisted countless folk in leading others to Jesus. John will be here with us on Fri-

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day, Saturday and Sunday...May 20-21-22.

On Friday evening we'll have a light dinner and participate in John's Dragon Slayers presentation (more on this later). Saturday morning and early afternoon will find us learning how to use the Peace Treaty With God tool which John developed. On Sunday you'll get to hear John Hendee preach. Please take this opportunity seriously and plan to attend.

Jim Larsen

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, INSPIRATION AND PIE

Every year at this time we gather to elect new or returning church leaders. This year we will also consider a revision of our by-laws to permit more flexibility in scheduling future annual meetings of the congregation. Finally, recent highlights of activities, projects and a sneak preview of future directions will wrap up the agenda. Show up late for the 6:30 gathering and you may miss it all. Then we move from the Fellowship Hall to the Sanctuary.



This will be
the eighth year St.

Mary's music groups have provided the entertainment for our Annual Meeting.

The Concert Choir is a 26-voice ensemble whose repertoire includes both sacred and secular music. They recently returned from a tour of San Francisco, where they gave a pops concert at Fisherman's Wharf, and sang sacred music at the downtown cathedral and at an African-American congregation.

This is the first year for the Chamber Choir, a 12-

voice ensemble that includes exceptional middle and high school students. Their repertoire runs a wide variety, from secular to sacred, and Renaissance to contemporary music.

Both groups are under the direction of Michael Wing.

Invite some friends to join you in the Sanctuary at for an evening of great music!

The evening will conclude with pie and ice cream for everyone. We encourage all members and visitors to make this evening a matter of priority.

Meeting at 6:30 Music at 7 Social Time 8 or so

SAINTS ALIVE AND LAUGHING



You'll read this and realize that our monthly Saints Alive breakfast just slipped by you...or it is about to happen. Every First Saturday (April 2) our folk converge on the Iron Skillet in Phoenix and get silly. An abundance of jokes and riddles have us all smiling as we down those fine pancakes and hot coffee. Of course you can work your way through the ample breakfast buffet if you wish, with discounts for seniors. Here is a mighty fine way to get your month started...hanging out with people who don't mind acting a bit goofy once in awhile. So...whatever your age...stop by the Iron Skillet in Phoenix

(Oregon!!) at 9 a.m. Come armed with a joke or two of your own...or just be a consumer. It's all good.

MISSION MEETING AND POTLUCK
Chairman Stringer has called a Mission Committee meeting for Sunday, April 3. We'll gather in fellowship hall to eat together (bring something to share, please) and tend to important Mission matters. Sunday, April 3, Mission Committee and those interested in Missions....about 12:30.

39PLUS

This is our little secret...39PLUS. The fellowship is sweet. Our Bible study is savory. Marie's cooking (and vittles brought by others) are like lunchtime of years gone by....delightful. Okay, so we play a few hands of cards and wager a few bucks (just kidding on the bucks). Our First Wednesday mornings are a blast. Games...Study...Chow. Throw in a time of prayer, bunches of hugs and you have a smashing morning. Come see! Marie Hoffman lives at 61 North Mountain Avenue. Join us on April 6 at 10.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE POTTERS...70 YEARS TOGETHER



Praise the Lord! Ernie and Irma Potter celebrated 70 years of marital bliss on March 30. We salute you two and thank God for your fine example for the rest of us. It was a big month since they both also celebrated birthdays

ROGUE RIDERS TRY THE MOUNTAIN AGAIN

On Friday, April 15, our cadre will converge on the church parking lot at 10:30 a.m. to car pool and caravan up to Siskiyou Pass and Callahan's Restaurant. You'll remember that we were snowed out in March. Join us for a dramatic drive up the mountain and a sumptuous lunch at one of our favorite eateries. Please call Jim (890-3209) if you plan to meet at Callahan's instead of joining the rest of us at the church.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

The Piece Corp ladies will be hosting the "Lunch Bunch" at the church Fellowship Hall on **Tuesday, April 12 at 12:00 noon**. Please let anyone in the Piece Corp know you plan to attend so they can plan accordingly. Lunch will be provided and a donation basket will be available to offset the cost. So join us for food, fun, and fellowship at the Ladies Lunch Bunch.
Piece Corp

ADAM CHRISTIE DEPLOYS TO AFGHANISTAN

In March Adam Christie deployed to support the mission in Afghanistan. He joins others of our extended church family who are or have been deployed around the world. Adam's deployment is scheduled for 12 months. Please keep Adam, Nadine and their son James in your prayers. Please remember all of our military families. If you have pictures or information about any of our military families please provide them to the church office so we can keep up with them. Check out the Church Library for photos of our service members.
Brad Fish

EASTER PLANS INCLUDE BREAKFAST & FLOWERING CROSS

If you plan to bring a friend to church...why not make it Easter Sunday, April 24. Jim will preach a sermon

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on hope. Our guys will serve breakfast from 9 to 10:15. There'll be no Bible School classes, so you can escort your friends from breakfast right to the morning worship service at the usual time. Once again we'll have the Flowering Cross. Bring cut flowers for yourself and your guests. There'll be grand Easter music and a celebration of the greatest story ever told. Easter...April 24...Breakfast 9-10:15...Worship at 10:45



IN SYMPATHY

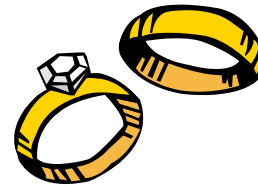
We extend our love and sympathy to the family of **Lyle Peterson**, a faithful member of our church family since 1948, who passed away March 3rd. May God be your strength in your time of mourning.

We also extend our love and sympathy to Connie Prieto and family on the passing of her mother on March 19th.
Brad Fish



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Jim Larsen
- 7 - Doyle Cornwell
- 11 - April Macauley
- 11 - Gwen Jarrell
- 14 - Emily Rogers
- 15 - Daniel Wing
- 21 - James Christie
- 21 - Mel Metcalf
- 25 - Chris McDonald
- 26 - Olive Dooms
- 28 - Doug Fenning
- 29 - Thomas Killian



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 - Brad and Ava Fish
- 16 - Nyla and Doug Fenning
- 17 - Dan and Ericha Tiller

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>12:30 PM Mission Committee Meeting & Potluck - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:45 AM Real Men-Old Farm House Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps Band & Ava Fish Ann</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00 AM 39 Plus - Marie Hoffmann's Home</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Doyle Carmell, B'day</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00 AM Deaconi & Deacons Work Day</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00 AM Saints Alive Breakfast - Iron Skillet Jim Larsen, B'day</p>
<p>10</p> <p>12:30 PM Board Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:45 AM Real Men-Old Farm House Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group April Macaulay, B'day Owen Jansell, B'day</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps 12:00 PM Ladies Lunch Bunch - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:30 PM Annual Meeting 7:00 PM Saint Mary's Concert Emily Rogers, B'day</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Daniel Wing, B'day</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30 PM Old Time Movie Night Doug & Nyla Fenning, Ann</p>
<p>17</p> <p>12:15 PM Potluck Dan & Ericha Tiller, Ann Palm Sunday</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:45 AM Real Men-Old Farm House Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>James Christie B'day Mel Metcull, B'day</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10:30 AM Rogue Riders - Callahan's Mountain Lodge & Resort Good Friday</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>9:00 AM Easter Breakfast </p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:45 AM Real Men-Old Farm House Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group Chris McDonald, B'day</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps Clive Dovens, B'day</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:00 AM 39 Plus - Newsletter Folding</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Doug Fenning, Friday</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Thomas Killian, B'day</p>	<p>30</p>

March

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APRIL 2011

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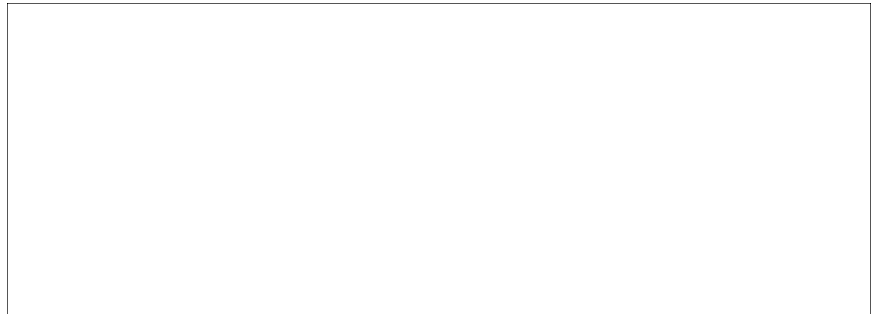
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday Service Schedule

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Discovery Club
10:45 AM Worship
Podcast available at:
podcast.cc-ashland.org



Faithful to God, Responsive to People



OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT--
DRAMA IN THE ISOLATED DESERT!



Join us **Saturday, April 16** for two films that deal with women living their dull and lonely existence in the isolation along dry and dusty desert highways. In 1934's "**HEAT LIGHTNING**," Olga (Aline MacMahon), who runs a gas station, lunch counter and auto camp, deals with younger sister Myra (Ann Dvorak) and her desire to get away from the isolation, when they are threatened by the mistreatment of treacherous men. It's hot and the heat lightning is crackling on the horizon foreshadowing a climax that packs a punch.

In 1936's "**THE PETRIFIED FOREST**," Gabby (Bette Davis) lives and works at

her dad's filling station and greasy spoon truck stop in the desert and longs to live with her mother in France. The arrival of a world weary vagabond (Leslie Howard) and then fugitive Duke Mantee (Humphrey Bogart) and his criminal gang who take refuge at the diner, holding everyone captive, builds to a spectacular climax. Two Warner Bros. classics from Hollywood's Golden Age.



Gawrsh...all that desert and drama could make one mighty thirsty. Good thing we have a snack bar open all evening. Expect a surprise or two as well. Tell your friends and neighbors about this **FREE** event. **Saturday, April 16.**

Doors open at 6pm; films roll at 6:30pm.

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

