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I've often spoken of the guys who touched my life and sought to keep my feet on the Jesus Trail. Roscoe Churchill and Houston Dennis were elders of the Church of Christ in Ladysmith, Wisconsin. Roscoe was also my sixth grade public school teacher. Houston was my Little League baseball coach. Then, too, there was the deacon, Paul Woods. He let me be his muskrat trapping partner. Harry Orn was my preacher during my senior year of high school. He attended so many of my football games and wrestling matches. I didn't realize until adulthood how very, very blessed I was to have spiritually healthy men in my life...not only on Sundays, but throughout the week. I don't

recall any sage remarks made or even times of praying. But I do know I felt important to them.

I see that happening with my youngest grandson, Cielo. When he shows up at the men's Monday morning deal, he is welcomed, held and talked to in normal tones. At home he has a fantastic father. But these most excellent men know their role. They are Jesus' nudgers. He may get restless. I remember times when he needed to bring along a toy or two. But at this table, grown men help cut his pancakes and even dab the syrup from his chin...and smiling, call him by name.



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When people ask me about the need to be a part of a church, my mind turns to these men communicating to a four year old that he is important and loved. The Bible lesson may be interrupted for a minute because he has a question or comment for Grandpa. But then, a huge lesson is being learned which may have more lasting effects than the talking that was put on hold.

This is God's plan. It was Jesus' way. I don't remember ever going through a season of identity crisis as a youngster. Those nudgers were like God's hands on my shoulders. Many lads are not so fortunate. The church can and should be the place that is safe and nurturing. Little ones who long for acceptance and love should find it in our midst. Okay, they can be a bit noisy from time to time. They may get in the way or be distracting. But years from now, boys like Cielo will look back at the Christian Church of Ashland with warmth and blessed memories. 'Church' will sound good in their ears. Like me, they may treasure those days of their youth when, with church guys, they experienced a little bit of heaven.

Our church family has a growing number of children. Stoop to greet them. Ask gentle questions. Spend some time with them. Dab the syrup from their chin...if the timing is right. Smile. Call them by name.

In a turn of the scripture, I like to watch grown men interact with Cielo, and thinking of them, say, "And such is the Kingdom of Heaven".

With love,




SENIORS ENJOY SPRING FLING AT GOLD BEACH

Except for a strong wind that man-handled beachcombers, the trip to Ireland's Rustic Lodges was a real hit. The Rogue Riders' two nighter was filled with fine food, shopping in cute shops and nooks, as well as early morning walks on the beach.



On the way to the coast we visited Jediah Smith State park and also stopped off at a park next to Smith River for a picnic. Next year we'll try to double or triple the number making the trek.

YOUNG GUYS TRY SPELUNKING AT LAVA CAVES

The Lava Beds/Caves in Northern California have



been beckoning our young guys for some time now. In May I drove the bunch to Klamath Falls, where we enjoyed breakfast

at Elmer's. Then it was south across the state line to locate and scramble around in caves at the National Monument. What fun for everybody.

HENDEE WEEK-END A SUCCESS

I'm so grateful to John Hendee for making his presentations on May 20-23. His Dragon Slayer session impacted all who attended the Friday evening session. His evangelism training seminar on Saturday proved to be exactly what we need. We'll soon be implementing his evangelism tool, *Peace Treaty with God*. His Sunday morning sermon was motivating and convicting. John's time with us was capped off by gathering with our Men's Group on Monday morning. Thanks to all of you who attended these prize sessions. Let's have John back again after we've put his stuff to work here. Jim Larsen

OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT KEEPS DRAWING CROWDS

We'll soon begin our tenth year of blessing the Rogue Valley with movie classics. Every month Mike Royer does his part. He selects two movies to be shown and writes the newspaper ads. The snack bar crew prepares and sells goodies... including superb Polish dogs and hotdogs. You are given the assignment of inviting folk to join us for these Third Saturday events. Your second job is to be a good greeter and conversationalist. The intermission offers a precious few minutes to enjoy the company of our many honored guests. As always...thanks to Mike for his faithfulness over the years. The crowds keep coming.

ARLENE SCHARICH GETS ON BOARD

Thanks Arlene. Perhaps others will follow your lead and express a desire to unite with our congregation. Over the next month (June) we'll be inviting all immersed believers to use the attendance card in the bulletin to affirm (for long time member) their connection with our church family. Newer believers may find this an easy way to indicate that you'd like to be considered a member of this congregation. As you may know, only members can vote on church business, such as approving/disapproving the budget and elected officers. Then too, this will help the church do a better job of keeping our records straight.



SAINTS ALIVE...AND CHEWING THE FAT

The best part of our First Saturday pow wow is fellowship. Nobody is so needy for food as to scramble to the Iron Skillet just for breakfast. We love each other's company. When breakfast is over the tables are being cleared you are still hanging around and talking. It is a fun morning. The jokes cover a wide spectrum of craziness. Tall tales are

solicited. Newcomers are welcome.

Saturday, June 4, 9 a.m., Iron Skillet in Phoenix (Oregon!)

SUMMER ADULT BIBLE SCHOOL CLASS CHRISTIAN HISTORY THEME FOR NEW CLASS

Jared Lauderdale was reflecting on the discussion at the end of the last Alpha class. "I would like to know more about the history of Christianity. Where did all of these denominations come from?" This innocent question became the center of discussion at the last elders meeting. How do we unravel the tangled knot of ideas about Christianity floating around in the world today? What are the contributions of Luther, Calvin, Polycarp, Constantine and many others? In response we will begin a new class on July 3 that will explore what has happened down through the years to bring us to the current state of affairs in Christianity. It will parallel nicely Jim's sermons from the book of Acts planned for worship and home Bible study groups. The class starts at 9:30 am but for those that want to come a bit early the fixings for a light breakfast will be available starting around 9:15. Here is a great chance for you to deepen your faith and understanding of Christianity.

GARCIA'S GAIN SUPPORT FOR SHORT TERM MISSION PROJECT
Brian and Crystal Garcia have become familiar faces here at Christian Church of Ashland since they first moved here from Louisiana. When Crystal attended a recent missions committee meeting it was apparent immediately that they have a passion for missions. After learning about our desire to encourage short term mission experiences for members she asked to apply for support for a trip already being planned for Kenya in July. After reading their thoughtful and detailed plan we decided to provide the rest of the support needed for their trip. This excerpt from the application describes the project know as STORM.

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The 15th STORM trip to Turkana land is set for July 5 – 18, 2011, and the team is all set! Together with the African group, the team will minister to the needs of the Turkana people in various villages through Teaching, Medical, and Humanitarian Relief.

As part of the team, Brian and I will be traveling with, engaging in prayer times, meals, fellowship and worship. However, as the majority of the SI ministries go on during the rest of the year without outsiders and Brian has filmed the STORM trip ministries before, our goal is to go and venture away from the American team and capture the stories of the Turkana believers and how their lives have been transformed by the power of Jesus Christ.

We will be interviewing indigenous pastors and missionaries, and filming the stories of men, women, children and people of all ages who have been given the gift of not only eternal life, but also hope, joy and freedom from the bondage of death! In addition to assisting Brian in interviewing, and lighting his videos, Crystal will be photographing and writing down stories, thoughts and memories to share with our prayer and financial supporters. Plus she will be spending time with the Turkana staff members helping them to become more efficient in collecting stories, pictures and information and delivering it to us in the US to share with supporters and troubleshooting any computer and or administrative challenges.

Our goal in our lives is to share Christ with others and one of the key ways we do that with our specific abilities and gift God has given us is to support indigenous missionaries (and nonindigenous when needed), to effectively and efficiently reach the unreached world for Jesus. We do that by sharing their stories with the world, so that believers in every part of the world and specifically the people of CCA may be prayer warriors on behalf of the men and women who are on the front lines and also financial supporters for “the least of these.”

The missions committee will be pleased to consider proposals from others who have a heart for work on the mission field. If you need some suggestions we will be glad to help.

BOARD MEETING SCRIBBLINGS

Jim reports that he'll begin a sermon series from the Book of Acts on May 29. The Small Groups are using discussions questions based on his sermon and the scripture text.

The Treasurer's report showed a financial situation that is need of serious attention. The Budget Committee will meet to discuss this.

The Elders reported that the summer breakfasts at Emigrant Lake will start on Saturday, May 28. Gene will preach on June 26. We've enjoyed having our Elders preach on a quarterly basis. This is good for all of us.

Deacons and Deaconesses reported on hosting work days....next one June 11.

Missions Committee: We've committed \$2000 to the Garcias for their upcoming Kenya trip.

Discussion was held on the need for a floor cleaner. Rent one instead? Matter tabled for now.

A motion was made to purchase some needed digital recording equipment. Money will come from Building Fund. Motion passed.

New officers of the church board: Chairman will be Doyle...VChair, Mel Metcalf.

A fine and positive meeting. Notes taken by Janice and trimmed by Jim

ANGELS REJOICE FOR MELISSA

Of course all of Heaven celebrated when Melissa Anne Ermitook her stand for Jesus and entered into the watery grave of baptism. Chris and Corey McDonald had helped Melissa reach this point in her life so they did the baptizing. Congratulations, young lady.

PICNIC BREAKFAST AT THE LAKE

Don't you just love it! With warmer days here, we are back to picnicking out at Emigrant Lake on the Last Saturday of May, June, July and August. Expect (Dutch oven) biscuits and gravy, hash browns, grilled onions, eggs to order and fruit. Of course there'll be coffee and hot chocolate...plus milk and juice.

Cookers can arrive as early as eight. Eaters, come on by about nine. Invite your friends. Come early to cut up veggies. Stay afterward. Bring a few dollars for parking and the same for our donation basket. A lawn chair will come in handy. Saturday, May 28. Next month's gathering at Emigrant Lake will be on June 25.

ACTS...SERMONS BEGIN SUNDAY, MAY 29

Friends, I'm so looking forward to launching a new series of sermons from the Book of Acts. You know I never re-cycle old sermons. This will be an exciting time for me. I hope the series of messages will bless you as well. So here is my suggestion. Read the Book of Acts. Listen to this fine book on tape or your mp3 player. Get it set in your noggin. Ponder it. Write your questions down. Bring your Bible to church...and a notebook too. Plan to not miss unless you are sick or out of town. Jim L (editor's note: if you do miss a Sunday listen on-line or download at: podcast.cc-ashland.org)

SMALL GROUPS

We did something of a 'trial run' with the final chapters of Luke. I'm referring to the way we used Sunday sermons to create discussion questions for our

scattered Small Groups. If you haven't signed up to be in a group, just contact me so I can direct you to a current or new cell group. The various topics in Acts will be chewed on.

39PLUS IS A PLUS

What a fellowship! Indeed, those who converge on Marie Hoffman's place (61 N. Mountain Ave) on the First Wednesday (June 1) discover various ways to bond. For some it is the robust flavor of competition enjoyed as we play games. We all enjoy the Bible study led by Pastor Jim. And everybody raves about the vittles served by Marie.

On Wednesday, June 29, we'll do our usual good deed of folding the newsletter before bringing out the cards or Chinese Checkers and then our Bibles. The potluck lunch is always a hit.

So, whether you plan to come to Marie's place on the first or Fellowship Hall on the 29 (or both), arrive at 10 and plan to stay for lunch. Y'all come.

ROGUE RIDERS TO CALLAHAN'S ON THE PASS

Okay folks...we've tried this twice and got snowed/rained out. The plan is to enjoy the drive to Siskiyou Pass and have lunch at Callahan's Restaurant in the high country. All adults (okay, bring your fine children too!) are invited to meet at the church parking lot on Friday, June 17. We'll head for the mountain at 10:30 a.m. so plan to arrive fifteen minutes earlier than that. Truly, everyone is invited. Please call Jim Larsen (541-890-3209) if you plan to attend.

REAL MEN HELP EACH OTHER

It happens so often. Our guys eat a sumptuous breakfast at The Old Farm House on Monday morning... and then head off to work on projects together. These men love each other. They pray for each other. And they need it. Two guys are battling cancer. Another's wife is dealing with health issues. Unemployment became an issue for one man just last week. We all duke it out with the devil. So this is more than just a food function. We need each other and so we need Mondays.

The Old Farm House...Phoenix (Oregon!)...

Mondays...7:45 a.m....sometimes work to follow.

CELEBRATING DAD'S AND GRADS.

Bring the favorite dish of your favorite Dad or Grad for the **June 19** potluck. We'll have cake and ice cream so don't worry about the dessert. If you would like to decorate a table with either a Dad or Grad theme, please contact Kay Killian. Tables will be set up the night before (during Old Time Movie Night), but can be done on Sunday morning the 19th if that is more convenient.

Still seeking kitchen help for receiving and putting food out on tables on potluck Sundays. See Kay Killian or call 541-621-9192

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

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

PIECE CORP MEETS ON TUESDAYS

Are you a "puzzler"? Are you creative? Do you like to put things together?



Excerpts from the Piece Corp Journal:

- > "Put elephant quilt into the frame"
- > "Tied 'Elephant Tails'."

Other comments by the ladies included "Jungle Book" and "Dumbo" were made along with "We were fit to be tied."

Why not join them 9:30 to noon Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

June will be the last Lunch Bunch until Fall. With that in mind it will be an evening meal at a local restaurant to be selected later. The date and time are also still being worked out. All ladies are welcome especially those who can not make the noon luncheons. Watch the weekly bulletin or contact Janie Moore for more information.



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
			1 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Marie Hoffmann's Home	2	3	4 9:00 AM Saurts Alive Breakfast - Iron Skillet Brian Marba-Larsen, B'day
5	6 7:45 AM Real Men-Old Farm House Cafe	7 9:30 AM Piece Corps	8 Doyle & Linda Corwell, Ann	9	10	11 9:00 AM Deacons & Deacons Work Day Brian & Crystal Garcia, Ann Ed & April Macaulay, Ann
12 12:30 PM Board Meeting Bob Heath, B'day	13 7:45 AM Real Men-Old Farm House Cafe	14 9:30 AM Piece Corps Flag Day	15 James & Sunde McDaniel, Ann	16	17 Rogue Riders - Callie- ham's Restaurant	18 6:30 PM Old Time Movie Night
19 12:15 PM Podluck Edan Rudy, B'day  Father's Day	20 7:45 AM Real Men-Old Farm House Cafe Adam & Nadine Christie, Ann	21 9:30 AM Piece Corps	22	23 Laurie Royer, B'day	24	25 9:00 AM Summer Preik- fast - Emigrant Lake
26 Andrew & Rebecca Blore, Ann	27 7:45 AM Real Men-Old Farm House Cafe Brian Garcia, B'day	28 9:30 AM Piece Corps Mike Royer, B'day	29 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Newsletter Folding Colleen McDonald, B'day Erichs Tiller, B'day Michael Wing, B'day	30		

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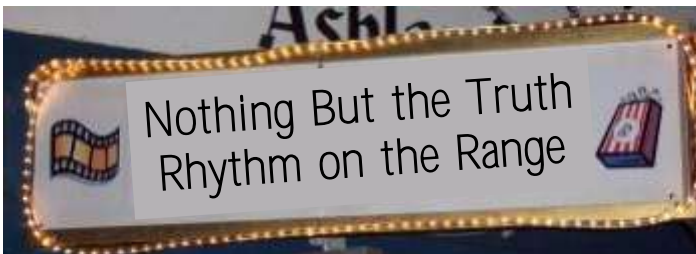
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9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Discovery Club
10:45 AM Worship
Podcast available at:
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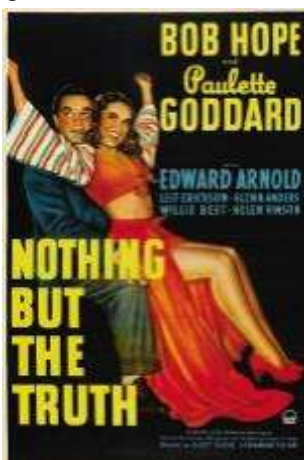
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LAUGHTER, ROMANCE, SONGS WITH HOPE AND CROSBY!

Join us **Saturday evening June 18** as we present two great screen legends from Hollywood's Golden Age. First up is the entertaining 1941 Paramount "**NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH**" starring Bob Hope as a bashful stockbroker who wagers that he can tell the absolute truth for a full 24 hours. The



beautiful Paulette Goddard (who could lose a bundle if he can't), Edward Arnold and Willie Best are just a few of the talented performers who support Bob in this ancestor to Jim Carrey's "Liar Liar." Our second feature of the evening stars Bing Crosby as a champion rodeo rider (!?) in Paramount's 1936 lightweight but engaging western musical comedy "**RHYTHM OF THE RANGE**" which co-stars Francis Farmer and introduced Martha Raye to the

silver screen. During the performance of "I'm An Old Cowhand" look for the Sons Of The Pioneers and the yet unknown Roy Rogers strummin' his guitar. Of course, expect the usual surprise or two. Don't forget your friends and neighbors and strangers on the street. Tell 'em ALL they're invited to our evening of FREE entertainment and fellowship. Bring your appetite cuz the snack bar will be open most of the evening and remember, it would be cool if you could bring something non-perishable for the Ashland Emergency Food Bank. **Saturday June 18** is an evening we can share good family entertainment with each other and something for those who might be up against it. See you!



The doors open at 6:00 pm and movies start at 6:30

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

