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WILD RIVER ARTIST

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Bob and I tried our hand at canoe racing in Minnesota, where I served as a young pastor. On this day we were out for a fun run down the Raven River. Steady strokes drove our sixteen foot 'Red Otter' canoe forward with a strong and steady cadence...like the pulse of the river itself. Evidence of beaver and muskrat activity was abundant. A trio of mallards whisked by, skimming the surface of the wild river. A nervous eagle eyed us from high up on a pine snag.

For some time we didn't speak. Then, where the river widened and slowed, he placed his paddle across the bow and raised up on it, stiff armed. "You know", he said, almost reverently, "this is my church. This is where I meet God. The birds...and those noisy crickets toward evening...are the choir. Yep," he continued, "this is as far as I need to go to see the hand of God. I meet God here in this holy place...and up on that wooded hill where White Tail bucks sleep all day. This is where God gets to me...on this amazing stretch of the river".

And he had a point. But not the most important one. This wonderfully wild country assures us that a true artist resides somewhere. And this piece of creativity expresses His immense talents. But it doesn't reveal his personality or purposes for us.

Nature itself is quite unforgiving. Fall through the ice on a solo fishing trip on the nearby lake and you'll quickly agree. Get lost in these deer woods in January...minus a good coat...and you'll see the unforgiving nature of nature herself. A careless bunny becomes fox food. Deer bones scattered here and there are testimony of last year's unforgiving winter.

And permanence? For all of its stunning glory, this landscape speaks of only fleeting beauty. Death and decay are everywhere. The dark soil of these woods speak of fallen and rotting leaves, and withered grass. Up and down this river people, like the animals themselves, come and go. One day they are babies and before long they die.

We drift through God's studio and see masterpiece after masterpiece. And his music! Yet what we long for is a glimpse of the artist himself. We need to hear his voice or read a bit of his poetry...or a love letter. The loon's eerie night song was composed by God Himself. I need more than this... and so does my paddling partner. And that 'more' is to be found in his library more than this stirring studio.

Shooting the rapids or slipping through cattails is not enough. Not by

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a long shot. Look into the night skies for weeks on end and we won't see God's face or hear his heart. For that we will need to drag this canoe up on the bank, travel to a hill top near Jerusalem...then catch a glimpse in the garden of His Son rising.




39PLUS... WORTH THE WHILE



Stay away from Marie Hoffman's home on July 6 at your own loss. And if you really want to deprive yourself of a grand summer morning, don't drop in on our Last Wednesday morning of folding the newsletter, Bible study and a potluck lunch.

But if you thrive on loving relationships...wow...here is what the Good Physician ordered...a lovely time hanging out with, enjoying and dining with 'forever' friends.

Marie hosts the July 6th shindig, beginning at 10. She lives at 61 N. Mountain Avenue. The folding event will take place at the church on July 27...same time. It's a potluck, so bring some chow to share, please.

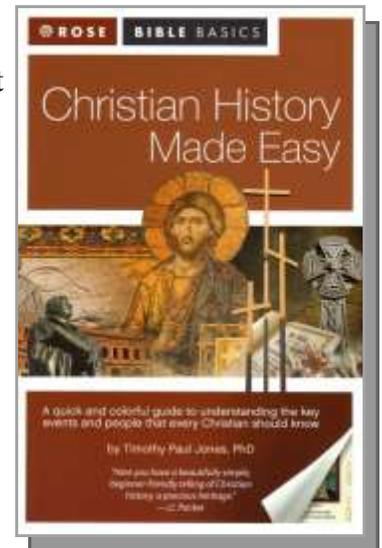
NEW BIBLE STUDY/SMALL GROUP

It is finally getting started...our weekly study at Mountain View. Take the elevator down to the first

floor, turn to the left and look for the sandwich board sign at the doorway of the TV room. I'll be leading a study of the Book of Acts, so bring your Bible. The day and time are easy to remember...Tuesday at Two...starting June 28. Jim Larsen

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.



OLD TIMEY BBQ POTLUCK

We are seeking folks to sign up to pre-grill hot dogs & hamburgers for the July 17th Potluck. There will be a sign up sheet for this and other items to bring and share. If you would like to help in the kitchen the day of the potluck or have questions about what to bring contact Kay Killian at 541-621-9192

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

ROGUE RIDERS, BRUNCH AT LARSEN'S

Karen and I are hoping that our patio will be filled with folk (and friends?) on Friday morning, **July 8**. This will be our Rogue Riders event for the month. Expect grilled pork loin, a veggie/fruity salad, peach cobbler and maybe a bit more. RSVP to Jim (541-890-3209). All ages are welcome...but please do call ahead by Wednesday of that week. Arrive any time after 9:00, with brunch served about 10:00.

We live at 114 Autumn Ridge Drive, Talent.
Call for directions, if needed.
Sincerely, Jim Larsen

REAL MEN BELIEVE IN EVOLUTION



Our Monday morning convergence at the Old Farm House in Phoenix (Oregon!) has evolved a good bit over the years. For one thing, we've become a band of brothers...more than mere participants. Guys get together outside the breakfast setting. And many of the gents team up to help other folk. After breakfast and our study men cluster here and there to talk over work projects to be tackled. If you are looking for a guy event with potential for genuine friendships and compassionate service...look no further. Join us on Mondays...7:45...The Old Farm House.

SAINTS ALIVE...AND GOOGLING

A good part of our First Saturday event is laughter. Lord knows we need it in these times. So we find

some of our senior adults searching the internet for funny stuff to share. Our next meeting/eating will be Saturday, July 2...at nine.



So bring along a joke or a gag which somebody sent your way. If you liked it, maybe we will too. As for food...it is always mighty fine. The buffet (with a senior discount) is reasonable and often includes an omelet made for you right before your eyes. So come on over to the Iron Skillet. Expect some goofy jokes and tall tales...and plenty of fresh off the griddle fellowship. Everybody...all ages...welcome.

YOUTH OFF TO BIBLE CAMP...

CARE TO HELP?

It's always good to know that our young folk will be getting a week packed with spiritual instruction, great fun, fine fellowship and some wise counsel. Perhaps a half dozen of our kids will be heading off to Grove Christian Service Camp in upcoming weeks. The cost for this important week is about \$100 per student. Perhaps you'd care to underwrite a young person's camp registration. Even if you are not a member of our Ashland church...living who knows where...you are welcome to contact the church office with your offer to sponsor a youth. Even partial scholarships are invited. Have \$50 you'd care to invest in a child or youth? Give the church a call and we'll let you know how to bring this about. For those in our worship services, it is as easy as writing a check and earmarking it for Camp Help. Let's show our younger generation that we are fully behind them, believe in them and

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will show our love through this special project. Jim-541-890-3209 Church 541-482-1561. Thanks a bunch!

OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT...

MORE THAN FLICKS

Some of our most active members first walked through our church doors to take in an old movie. And as a result of meeting hundreds of movie-goers over these last nine years of OTMN, we have had countless opportunities to minister to folk. Some of these connections have resulted in wonderful, lasting friendships. Do I sound a bit like a broken record when I petition you to treat our Third Saturday event as a little miracle waiting to happen?

People step into our place and get more than they bargained for. They meet some lovely folk who quickly fill their order for a Polish dog. They see Tom Killian smiling as he eagerly pours them a soft drink. Jerry Moore is working the popcorn machine, happy to be of service. Loving kindness is offered up in abundance.



It is the sort of night and experience which your friends, family and co-workers would enjoy. So... this is more than merely a cheap flick. OTMN is about relationships...good ones. Check out the back page for the July movie selection.

Jim Larsen

EMIGRANT LAKE BREAKFASTS...

A GOOD SUMMER HABIT

For over seven years we've been making these Last Saturday treks to Emigrant Lake. May through August will find us whipping up Dutch oven biscuits/gravy, eggs to order, grilled onions and such, plus fruit, fine beverages and...sweet fellowship. Come on out to the lake on July 30 for yet another outdoor picnic breakfast. Cookers should arrive about 8, with eaters showing up about 9. Friendships are deepened as we work side by side, chopping up veg-

gies, working the grid-
dle and generally being of service to each other.

It's a good idea to bring a lawn chair, \$4 for parking...and a friend or two. Just show up. Your table is waiting.



FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

JULY 3RD IN LITHIA PARK

On July 3rd at 7:00 p.m. sharp, Ashland Boy Scout Troop 112 will conduct a Flag Retirement Ceremony in Lithia Park at the lower fire ring just above the Parks and Recreation Department Office. The public is invited to attend the ceremony. Patrons should park at the parking area at Cotton Memorial Area or near the Parks and Recreation Building.



According to the United States Flag Code, "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning." Boy Scout Troops are one of the few groups allowed to conduct this solemn ceremony. "Most people have not witnessed this ceremony and the troop felt that the day before Independence Day would be an appropriate time to have it." said Jeff Jones, Scoutmaster of Troop 112.

"Because the 4th of July Parade is the next day, we also hope this to be a teachable opportunity in proper flag etiquette to those attending the parade." added Scoutmaster Jones. According to the United States Flag Code: "When the flag is passing in a parade or in review, all persons present in uniform should render the military salute. Members of the Armed Forc-

es and veterans who are present but not in uniform may also render the military salute. All other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with the right hand over the heart, or if applicable, remove their head-



dress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Citizens of other countries present should stand at attention. All such conduct toward the flag in a moving column should be rendered at the moment the flag passes.”

“Wouldn’t it be a wonderfully patriotic gesture if everyone lining the street during the Ashland 4th of July Parade would stand as the United States flag passed by.” mused Jones.

For more information about the Boy Scout Troop 112 Flag Retirement Ceremony call 541-488-0178.

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America

When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be

changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. — Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

- He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.
- He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.
- He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.
- He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their Public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.
- He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.
- He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected, whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.
- He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.
- He has obstructed the Administration of Justice by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers.
- He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.
- He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent

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hither swarms of Officers to harass our people and eat out their substance.

- He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.
- He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil Power.
- He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:
- For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:
- For protecting them, by a mock Trial from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:
- For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:
- For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:
- For depriving us in many cases, of the benefit of Trial by Jury:
- For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences:
- For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies
- For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:
- For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.
- He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.
- He has plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.
- He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation, and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & Perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.
- He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.
- He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince,

whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these united Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States, that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. — And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 - Austin Phillips
- 5 - Rebecca Blore
- 8 - Bobbie Ashby
- 11 - Delanee McDaniel
- 22 - Ronald Fuller
- 23 - Jean Dooms
- 27 - Heather Pepper
- 29 - James McDaniel



JULY ANNI VERSARIES

None

"JESUS, LORD OF ALL"

"The Family of God"

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4 7:45 AM Real Men-Old Farm House Cafe 10:15 AM Ashland Parade <i>Angela Jones, Day</i>	5 9:30 AM Piece Corps 2:00 PM Mountain View Small Group <i>Austin Phillips, B'day Rebecca Blore, B'day</i>	6 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Marie Hoffman's Home	7	8 9:00 AM Rogue Riders - Brunch at Larsen's home <i>Bobbie Ashby, B'day</i>	9 9:00 AM Saints Alive Breakfast - Iron Skillet
10 12:30 PM Board Meeting	11 7:45 AM Real Men-Old Farm House Cafe <i>Delancee McDaniel, B'day</i>	12 9:30 AM Piece Corps 2:00 PM Mountain View Small Group	13	14	15	16 6:30 PM Old Time Movie Night
17 12:15 PM Potluck	18 7:45 AM Real Men-Old Farm House Cafe	19 9:30 AM Piece Corps 2:00 PM Mountain View Small Group	20	21	22 Ronald Fuller, B'day	23 Jean Dooms, B'day
24	25 7:45 AM Real Men-Old Farm House Cafe	26 9:30 AM Piece Corps 2:00 PM Mountain View Small Group	27 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Newsletter Folding <i>Heather Pepper, B'day</i>	28	29 James McDaniel, B'day	30 9:00 AM Summer Breakfast - Emigrant Lake
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August

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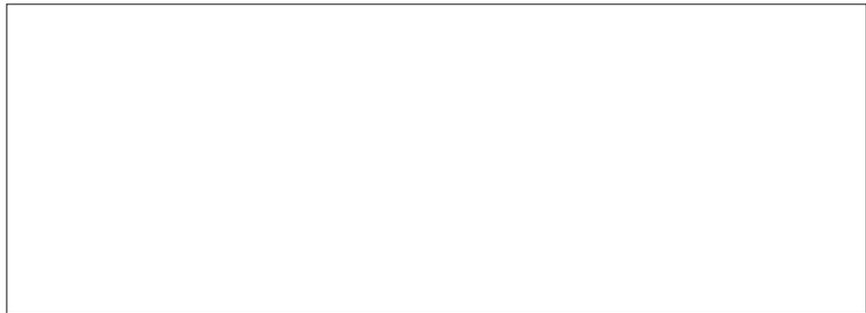
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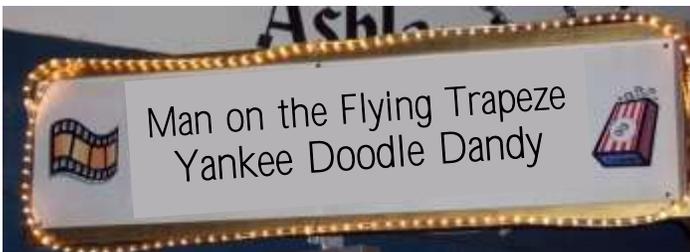
Sunday Service Schedule

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Discovery Club
10:45 AM Worship
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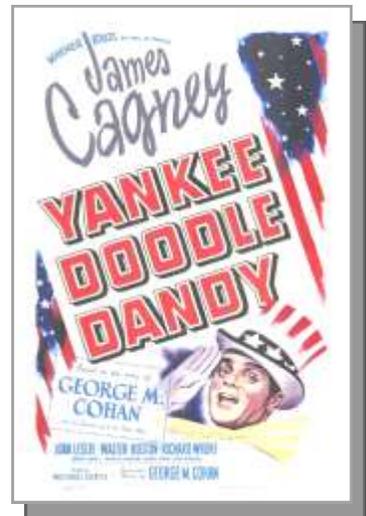
OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT'S INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION

We start our Independence Month screening with 1935's "*MAN ON THE FLYING TRAPEZE*" starring W. C. Fields, who in attempting to get away from overbearing in-laws, tells his boss he needs to take the day off in order to attend his mother-in-law's funeral (in reality to attend a wrestling match). After the bout Fields returns home to find his very-much-alive outraged mother-in-law in the house surrounded by sympathy flowers. It's a dose of fast-flying quips and hilarious double takes in a classic W. C. Fields comedy.



Our second feature of the evening is the star-spangled winner of 3 Academy Awards,

1942's "*YANKEE DOODLE DANDY*" with a stellar cast headed by the amazingly talented James Cagney, starring in the memorable motion picture story of legendary George M. Cohen and his great music. It's a big enjoyable musical biography that will leave you grinning from ear to ear with pleasure. If you only think of Cagney as a gangster, boy will you be pleasantly surprised. 'Nuff said.



Expect the usual surprises as well. Please join us **Saturday evening July 16** for Old Time Movie Night as we begin our 10th (!) year of these family friendly FREE presentations. Tell your friends! And, of course, the snack-bar will be open most of the evening. See ya!

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

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

