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# THREE STORIES AND YOU HAVE IT

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I've been a college instructor for twenty years. My courses have varied from Interpersonal Communication to Business Ethics and Old and New Testament overviews. It is simply wonderful to see a student exit a communications class, quite suddenly equipped with new skills. Yet the best reading I do all year comes in the form of student evaluations of the Bible courses. The Old Testament often seems to be a tangle of unrelated stories at the outset of a journey from Genesis to Malachi. Yet in a mere eight weeks a serious student can catch the Golden Thread of God's work in ancient history....with a joyous anticipation of New Testament glory.

God established the outline of the entire Bible in just three verses (Genesis 12:1-3). He told Abraham that he would bless him greatly. Out of his union with wife, Sarah God would build a nation. But his crowning work would be the delivery of the Good News of Jesus to the entire planet. All of Bible history fulfills that simple outline...God blessing One Man, One Nation and, finally, the World.

To convey the heart and essence of those three pieces I offer to tell people The Three Stories. Of course the fourth story is our own. Upon hearing

the Jesus Story we are all left with a choice of what we'll do with the outrageous news of his extravagant love and his offer of a forever fellowship with him.

Perhaps you'd like to learn the Three Stories? The first blessing is that of knowing where the Bible is headed... what God is up to. Secondly, you can learn how to communicate this fabulous news to others. Every week I'm engaged in telling the Abraham, Moses or Jesus story to somebody. Maybe you'd like to sit in on one of these sessions? Or we can meet (perhaps several of us) to learn the stories.

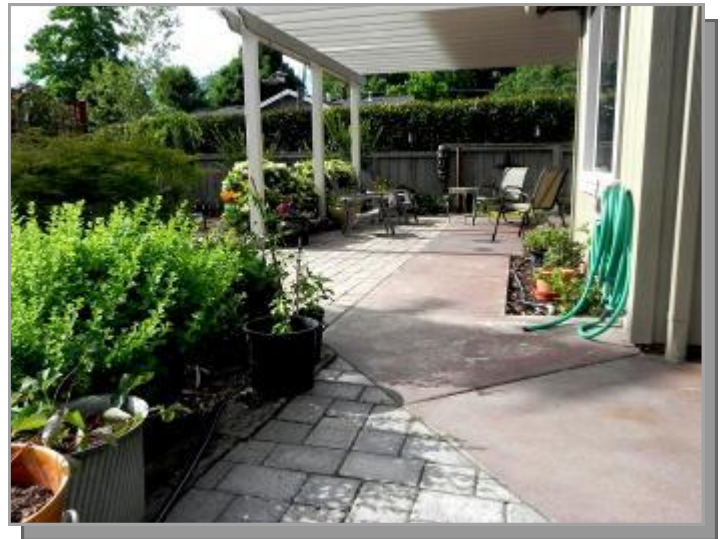
How is Israel's 400 year stint of slavery in Egypt connected to Jesus? Why animal sacrifice? How does the Old Testament connect with the New one? How does the death of Jesus impact us? What are the terms or conditions of the New Covenant? Are there any?

Reading the Bible in bits and pieces... or one verse at time... will probably not allow you to answer these questions. Getting a grip on the Big Picture(s) of the Bible is essential for us to be effective. I invite you to walk with me, learn from the Holy Spirit, and find new ways to speak the truth

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in love.

Loving You and the World,

Who is invited? You! This is for anybody and everybody in our congregation...and their friends. Youth...the aged....yes, all of you.

Again...call ahead, please.

Wednesday...August 17...  
Our Place (114 Autumn Ridge Dr, Talent)...You!

**EVENTS, NAMES, TERMS AND MORE**



**OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT**

Mike Royer! How do you plan to top July's selection of movies? James Cagney and W C Fields were so grand in those black and white flicks. Those in attendance are overjoyed with your choices of classic films. Friends, here is an amazing opportunity for you to invite a friend to join us in a night of entertainment and fellowship. See the ad on the back page of this month's newsletter.

**LATE BREAKFAST AT LARSENS'... AUGUST 17**

Karen and I invite you to enjoy breakfast on our patio. Summer temps make a lunch a bit of a gamble... so join us for a special time at 9. I'll prepare eggs to your specs, along with other morning goodies. It would be helpful to know how many will be in attendance. So please give me an RSVP by Monday, August 15. 541-890-3209



Now 1/3 through our study of Church History several important facts have emerged.

1. History can be very interesting and fun to learn. The author of our text, Timothy Paul Jones, has a real knack for interjecting the humorous along with just the right amount of detail concerning the important people and events in our history.

2. Our discussion time makes us realize that the big questions of the past are still lively topics for contemporary Christians to wrestle with. Our God is bigger than our puny minds can fully comprehend.
3. It is enlightening for us to trace through the centuries our ongoing struggle to comprehend the God we love and serve. Old ideas still hold much for us to think about.
4. At key times heroes face opposition to set the church back on course after it has drifted from the basics, losing its' way. Some even pay the ultimate price for their faith. From them we gain hope and inspiration for the future.

So you have missed the first 1/3 of the class. Don't worry. The book is available for you to read and study on your own and 2/3 of the class is still available. Why not join us in the fellowship hall at 9:30 am on Sundays, 9:15 am if you want a light breakfast.

## **BREAKFAST PICNIC AT EMIGRANT LAKE... LAST OF THE SUMMER**



This is so much more than fine vittles. Converging at Emigrant Lake, cooking up breakfast and eating our fill is much more about fellowship...perhaps even evangelism. Jesus met people in ordinary places, while doing pretty ordinary tasks. Yet something extraordinary can come of such times

together.

We meet at the lake with high hopes of God using our pow wow for his glory. Deepened friendships are glorious, aren't they? Bacon and eggs can be glorious. Working together can as well. And what about new friendships? We've baptized more than one attendee in the lake. Talk about Glory! Show up. But do so with a friend in tow...and with prayers for glory.

Next Outdoor Breakfast...August 27...Cookers arrive at 8...Eaters show up at 9...\$4 for parking

## **39PLUS MEETS SECOND WEDNESDAY...AUGUST ONLY**

Change is not easy. But we are in for a small one in August. Our first 39PLUS gathering of the month will be at Lithia Park (instead of Marie's place) on August 10. Meet at the church at 10 a.m. We'll carpool over to our picnic site together. The layout of the morning will be the usual...a game or two, then Bible Study...and finally, lunch. This is a potluck, so bring something to share. Marie will provide sandwiches. Again...August 10...meet at 10.

## **BACK TO SCHOOL POTLUCK AUGUST 21ST**



Yes really, it is almost time for our students and teachers to head back to school. So, students and teachers, you are the honored guests. FYI, honored guests are always allowed "cuts" to the front of the potluck line.

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For those of you, who wish to help our scholars prepare for the beginning of school, bring a donation of some basic school supplies. (Pens, pencils, glue sticks, **washable** markers, lined notebooks, 24 count crayons, colored pencils, and boxes of tissue). For additional ideas check out the school supply lists available at most places where school supplies are sold. For your convenience, a table for the school donations will be set up in the Fellowship Hall August 7 - 21<sup>st</sup>.

Each student and teacher at the potluck will have first choice of the donated items. Any leftovers will be given to a local school.

For our August food..., relax and bring your favorite "hot weather" items to share. We will eat, honor our scholars, visit together and enjoy our COOL Fellowship Hall (basement).

If your last name begins with **A-K, please bring a main dish and a dessert**. 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 to bring hot dishes already cooked! The ovens are set to just keep food hot.*

## NEW BIBLE STUDY AT MT VIEW SENIOR LIVING

I love these good people...residents of Mountain View and our own folk. We sing a few familiar songs and pray together. Then I do a bit of storytelling...all from the Bible. Our discussion time is superb. Our participants have plenty of life experience to tap. Maybe you'd like to join us. Age is no matter...young or old. We'd welcome you. Tuesdays at 2. Mountain View Senior Living, not far from the Ashland Hospital.

## GIVING DOWN

We hear it everywhere...giving is down. And our congregation has not been spared. Take a peek at the financial reports in the church entry way. Be prepared to read figures...many written in red. Faithfulness by all of us is the key word. We all hope for vacation time. Yet the budget takes no vacation. In fact, some expenses leap during the hotter months.

## REAL MEN CRY

Our Monday Morning men's group serves as the church of some of our guys, including Jeff Jones. When Jeff's dear friend, David, died in a motorcycle accident in July, we tried to help him carry his grief. Jeff asked that we thank all in the church who prayed for him during this time of loss and deep sorrow. Other men have health issues. We all face challenges in life. These good men love each other...and the Lord. If you are needing a place and a group where you'll be accepted and loved...look no further. Mondays...7:45...Phoenix (Oregon!)...The Old Farm House



## 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

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(Oregon) on August 6 at 9 a.m.

## THANKS EARL

A big thanks to Earl Rogers for delivering campers to Grove Christian Service Camp...and for delivering them



home at camp's conclusion. Chris Macauley, along with the Rogers boys, Sean and Nathanael, spent the week of July 17-22 having great fun, learning more about faith-living too.

In August we'll hear from Delanee and Josh McDaniel when they return from Junior Camp. Grove Camp is located at the east end of Dorena Lake, south of Eugene.

Thanks as well to those who pitched in to help with camp scholarships and providing spending money for the campers, to be used at the camp canteen.

## GARDEN PROJECT

A hearty cheer for the Stringer's gardening project. How many of us received starts from their green house? The hope was that as veggies ripen, participants in this venture will bring some of the produce to share with our church folk and the Ashland Emergency Food Bank. Use the table at the head of the foyer stairs, please. Good eating!

## COMMUNION POEM

By Kay Killian

In solemnity You raised the cup  
Encouraged the world to take it up  
A symbol of both death and life  
You asked us to accept your sacrifice

In reverence you broke the bread  
"Remember me" is what you said  
For soon a body broken on a tree

## Would be our hope at Calvary

In the morning when all seemed lost  
And your innocent life was what it cost  
You left death's linens in a neat fold  
While connection was made of all you foretold

In reverence we come here now  
With humility our heads we bow  
With grateful hearts and gratitude  
We join together and in solitude

In remembrance we join with all  
Who accept this gift and the Master's call  
In mixed emotion...sadness, joy, relief, and pain  
We come before our Lord's Table once again.

## SILENT AUCTION

Silent Auction time is back again! Start thinking of ways to share your gifts and talents. Here is how it works.

Starting the first Sunday in September there will be cards available for you to fill out for your donation. Use your imagination! A candle light dinner for two, raking leaves, a fishing expedition, a signed sketch or a designed business card.

OR you can ( on the day of the auction) bring in items for bid, like gift baskets or a nice jacket or that dish that didn't sell at your garage sale.

All the money goes into the GENERAL fund. It is a fun way to share gifts, talents and the abundance that the Lord has provided with each other!

Auction will be held at the October potluck – because it will be posted through the months of September and October you'll have plenty of time to pick and choose!

Money will need to be in NO LATER than the second Sunday in November. Need more information – see Kay Killian for details.

## NEW ARRIVALS

We have had new arrivals to our church family and extended family. First Jared, Yesenia and their son

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Isaac welcomed Samuel to the Lauderdale family on July 3rd.

Next, Ala Jones welcomed her newest granddaughter, Afina Lenore Whitman on July 15th. That makes the count eight grandchildren for Ala and twenty-six great-grandchildren for Kitty.



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 7 - Evelyn Sayles
- 11 - Marie Hoffman
- 13 - Paul Creel
- 13 - Sybil Laredo
- 19 - Jennie Macauley
- 19 - Maryanne Rossini
- 21 - Cielo Marlia-Larsen
- 22 - JD Maulsby
- 24 - Josiah Garcia
- 24 - Naomee Blore
- 27 - Erich Tiller
- 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*

**Rogue Valley Pregnancy  
Resource Center**  
 Invites you to  
**Ultrasound Open House/  
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**  
 Thursday, August 25, 2011  
 6:30 - 8:00 PM  
 2019 Aero Way  
 Medford, OR 97504  
 541-772-1921

Come help us as we celebrate the beginning of our new ultrasound services. The evening will include desserts and a simple presentation of thanks to those who helped make the project possible.

With the new facility we will be able to offer limited obstetrical ultrasound scans to clients that are Abortion-minded or Abortion-vulnerable. These scans will determine three things:

- Estimate gestational age
- Confirm cardiac activity – life
- Confirm the presence of an intrauterine pregnancy – location

With this opportunity, each mom will be able to visually see her baby on the monitor and watch the beating heart! With a Doppler Monitor she will be able to hear the soothing, steady heart rhythm. With 3-D imaging you see a crisp, clear, recognizable picture of baby moving and actively participating in life as it grows and waits to be born!

- Rogue Valley Pregnancy Resource Center

# "JESUS, LORD OF ALL"

"The Family of God"

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday                                  | Friday  | Saturday  |
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| 7<br>Evelyn Styles, B'day                           | 1<br>7:45 AM Real Men-Old Farm House Cafe                      | 2<br>9:30 AM Piece Corps 2:00 PM Mountain View Small Group  | 3<br>10:00 AM 39 Plus - Lithia Park - meet at church         | 4<br>Marie Hoffman, B'day                 | 5   | 6<br>9:00 AM Saints Alive Breakfast - Iron Skillet                                    |
| 14<br>12:30 PM Board Meeting                        | 8<br>7:45 AM Real Men-Old Farm House Cafe                      | 9<br>9:30 AM Piece Corps 2:00 PM Mountain View Small Group  | 10<br>9:00 AM Rogue Riders - Late Breakfast at Larsen's home | 11<br>Ted & Kay Killiam, Ann              | 12<br>Jennie Macauley, B'day<br>Maryanne Rossini, B'day | 13<br>9:00 AM Deaconii & Deacons Work Day<br>Sybil Laredo, B'day<br>Paul Creel, B'day |
| 21<br>12:15 PM Potluck<br>Cielo Maria-Larsen, B'day | 15<br>7:45 AM Real Men-Old Farm House Cafe                     | 16<br>9:30 AM Piece Corps 2:00 PM Mountain View Small Group | 17<br>9:00 AM Rogue Riders - Late Breakfast at Larsen's home | 18<br>Ted & Kay Killiam, Ann              | 19<br>Jennie Macauley, B'day<br>Maryanne Rossini, B'day | 20<br>6:30 PM Old Time Movie Night  |
| 28<br>Nadine Christie, B'day                        | 22<br>7:45 AM Real Men-Old Farm House Cafe<br>JD Maulsby B'day | 23<br>9:30 AM Piece Corps 2:00 PM Mountain View Small Group | 24<br>Josiah Garcia, B'day<br>Naomee Blore, B'day            | 25<br>6:30 PM RVPRC-Ultrasound Open House | 26<br>Michael & Kathy Wing, Ann.                        | 27<br>9:00 AM Summer Breakfast - Emigrant Lake<br>Erich Tiller, B'day                 |

September

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July

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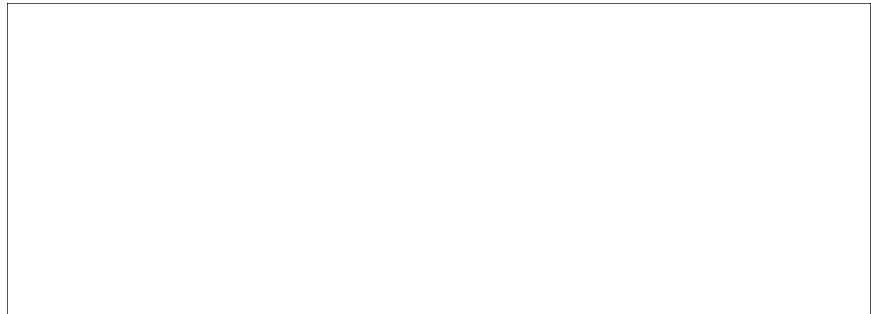
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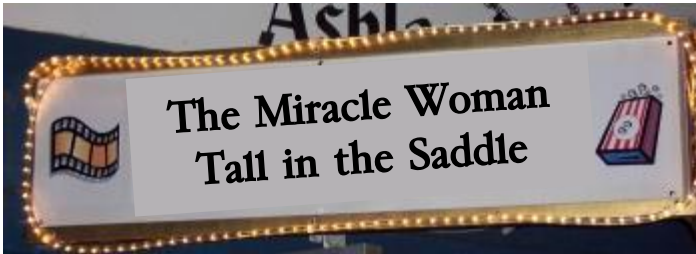
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**Sunday Service Schedule**

9:30 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Discovery Club  
10:45 AM Worship  
Podcast available at:  
[podcast.cc-ashland.org](http://podcast.cc-ashland.org)



*Faithful to God, Responsive to People*



**SOULS LOST AND WON AND HOT TEMPERED COWGIRLS!**

Please join us **Saturday evening August 20** for Old Time Movie Night. Our first film is a very early Frank Capra production starring young Barbara Stanwyck. It's 1931's **"THE MIRACLE WOMAN."** Stanwyck plays an evangelist (patterned after Aimee Semple McPherson) whose splashy sermons become big business and David Manners is the blind man who falls in love with her. It's a drama loaded with fine performances, direction



and cinematography. After intermission we will be presenting John Wayne, side-kick legend "Gabby" Hayes and untamed trigger-happy cowgirl Ella Raines in the fast-paced, entertaining western, 1944's **"TALL IN THE SADDLE."** It's packed with stardom and thundering hoofbeat excitement. So join us before the dust settles for an evening of drama and action, plus the usual surprise or two, **Saturday August 20.** The snack-bar will be open most of the evening. Tell your friends and neighbors...it's FREE!

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**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.*

