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# ROGUE RENDEZVOUS

We shoved off thirty miles up the Rogue River from the Pacific Ocean. On a Sunday afternoon I headed up a group of guys who had dreams of hooking a salmon or two and sleeping under a million stars on secluded sand bars each night. That first afternoon was spent learning the pulse of this fabled river. On Monday we'd turn mute in awe of towering cliffs and edgy wildlife. Streams and springs dripped and cascaded noisily into the waiting Rogue. Lush reeds and ferns crowded these frequent tributaries.

It is old country...the Rogue with its channel cut through the coastal mountain range. Lofty cliffs tell a story of eons of springtime flooding and the steady wear of water on rock. Eternity is dished out slowly there. And yet amid all the trappings of eternity past we touched eternity future.

On that summer Monday we stood waist deep in the cool waters of the Rogue River...Kenne, Larry and Me. We had stared in amazement at the ancient firs, flapping Blue Herons and diving Osprey. But they must have held their breath at the sight of Larry. Larry...a mere earthling till now. Larry...a new believer. Believing that the jagged cliffs and menacing rapids were the work of a patient artist. Believing that the artist who had carved and etched so well had also done a

marvelous and generous deed on a rough cross of wood elsewhere. Larry believed in a rolling stone. And did the angels gaze over the edge of heaven to hear a sound more beautiful than those which continually waft up and down this twisting canyon?

Larry's words were a testimony...a confession that the God who fashioned this museum of splendor has much, much more in store for believers of our kind. It was a confession of a savior, redeemer and self-sacrificer. He confessed his absolute need for this creator/redeemer to also be his friend and companion. So Kenne and I slowly dipped him into the ageless waters and God raised Larry Jones to walk in a new life...forgiven, spirit-filled, heaven bound.

And suddenly that grand canyon didn't seem so old after all. And we knew it without voicing the words...that when all these firs have turned to dust... when the Rogue is but a memory... and when the sea so few miles away has evaporated...Larry and his spiritual kin will be alive, young and enjoying endless rivers and countless mountains which will make this beautiful drift seem but the artist's sketch pad. So we pushed off again. And paddled silently. We knew we'd never be the

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same for this marvelous journey. We had seen how time had left her finger prints all over our path. Yet here, at this bend in the river we had experienced a bit of heaven, a fresh new work of God...and were confident the best was still ahead.




## NURSERY WORKERS-NEEDED

A few months ago we hired a nursery worker as a move to help our members be able to worship with their families. Now in an attempt to cut back on expenses we are asking for volunteers once again. We are looking for 4 women who will commit to being in the nursery 1 Sunday a month for a period of six months. Ava Fish has volunteered to serve as coordinator and will schedule the volunteers. Will you be part of this budget cut solution and also minister to our young families in this way? We need volunteers to start beginning Sunday, November 6. Please contact Ava at **541-944-4831** or [ava.fish@charter.net](mailto:ava.fish@charter.net) if you will help.

Goals include no one serving more than one Sunday per month and we would prefer to have volunteers that do not have children in the nursery so that they can have a break and just focus on the message. Ava would also like to plan a program so that even our little ones spend some of their time learning about Jesus and the Bible.

## REAL MEN LEAVE THEIR MARK

We are something of a fixture at the Old Farm House Restaurant in Phoenix. For years now we've been pulling tables together and borrowing chairs from vacant tables to make room for our growing cadre.



A fellow diner will ask a couple of us to prayer for them. One dear lady insists on meeting new guys and learning their names. I enjoy watching those in earshot of our bunch. They listen to the our replies to lesson questions. Each Monday brings opportunities for ministry, small and large. Want to be a part of the adventure? Join us any Monday morning there in Phoenix, at 7:45. And keep your eyes open.

## MOUNTAIN VIEW STUDY TIME... TUESDAYS AT TWO

We are developing a core of participants at the weekly worship and study time at the Mountain View Retirement Living center. Drop in on us sometime. Be prepared to learn a few names, do some loving listening, as well as getting involved in the singing and study time. A good number of our new friends are believers who don't have a local church home and would welcome fellowship and some loving-kindness.

## 39 PLUS...CONNECTED!

Don't we all long to have a group to belong to? Here is a haven...an oasis of love. Really. You know how we play games, study the Bible and enjoy our eating times together, don't you? And you could be a part of this grand experience. Just show up. On the First Wednesday of each month we travel to Marie Hoffman's place at 61 North Mountain Avenue. She's a marvelous hostess, providing coffee and cookies for the preliminaries. After the study time she brings out some fine dish, supported by side dishes she's made or others have delivered.

Later in the month (Last Wednesday) we get busy

folding the monthly newsletter (which you are reading). That service activity begins at 10 a.m. Then we are digging into the Book of Acts. When noon arrives our cadre is ready for the potluck lunch. It is amazing how we always have enough chow. Katie has been baking up a storm all morning, and has provided a dessert or two for us. So come on down to Fellowship Hall to be of help, get better grounding in the word and to satisfy those taste buds. November 30...10 a.m.

## POTLUCK

For November Potluck (Nov 20) will be a baked potato bar. If your last name begins with **A-K**, please bring a potato topping and a dessert. If your last name begins with **L-Z**, please bring a potato topping and a salad. Use your imagination :Chili, salsa, broccoli & cheese, turkey & gravy ! Baked Potatoes will be provided. Single folks just bring one item to share.



## ROGUE RIDERS

We ate near a life-size standup poster of John Wayne, amid collections of cowboy boots and busted saddles. After dining at the Back Porch BBQ our crew sized up the pumpkins at White's Market. October's excursion was great fun. In November our Rogue Riders will carpool and caravan to Shari's Restaurant in Medford before enjoying a tour of Harry and David's immense facility. Since we are nearing Thanksgiving and Christmas we'll get a glimpse of how they prepare all of those nifty goods for shipping and store shelves.

Meet at the church at 10:45 on Wednesday, November 16 or join us at Shari's at about 11. The tour we are signed up for departs at 12:30 from the Harry and David Store. Please call Jim if you plan to join us for lunch or the tour so we can get solid numbers to the restaurant and tour people. Jim... 541-890-3209



## STRINGERS WRITE FROM AUSTRIA

*Dear Family and Friends –*

*Just a note to all you relates and well-wishers.*

*We have concluded the easiest flight in memory and arrived in Austria after the Tuesday morning flight (5:45 am Pacific Time – Thank you driver Sandee) with very short stopovers in Denver and Washington D.C. We arrived in Vienna at 8:05 am Wednesday morning which was actually about 11 pm PDT Tuesday. It is sunny and pleasant. The tree colors are changing. A beautiful season in the Weiner Wald (Vienna Woods).*

*We are now settled into our efficiency apartment, shopped for food, eaten supper and are struggling to keep awake for a reasonable bed time according to the local clock. It is now nearly 6:30 pm. We are getting ready for bed. Yawn, yawn, yawn. ...is that another YAWN?*

*Our schedule includes a staff meeting at 8:30 in the morning and then helping with the preparations for the arrival of the short term workers on Friday and the students on Sunday. Soon we will receive our instruction explaining what is expected. Right now we are just enjoying three undemanding activities: 1. Organizing our unexpectedly spacious*

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*apartment 2. Interacting with friends and acquaintances and 3. Enjoying the contentment fostered by the ultra-pleasant scenery and weather.*

*Several friends have welcomed us and then encouraged our resting up to prepare for tomorrow. Gene is already asleep. Jet Lag wins.*

## **MARLIA-LARSENS ARRIVE IN PERU**

Skype calls and emails give us assurances that Lori Jo, Brian and Cielo are getting reconnected with folk in Tacna, Peru. In late October they sent word of renting a house. Meetings have already taken place with hopes of getting a new medical clinic going. A doctor has been secured and funds that had already been raised for the project will be used to bring a longtime hope to reality. Your prayers are requested as this little family continues to serve as God's hands in a needy community. You know they are deeply committed to helping Peruvians put their feet on the Jesus Trail.



## **BAPTIZED...SYBIL LAREDO**

We rejoiced at the sight of Sybil entering the waters of baptism just recently. She has loved Jesus for many years and lived her life as one of his disciples,

yet Sybil longed to be obedient to Him in being immersed. God bless you dear lady. Sybil is a solid part of our 39PLUS cohort, a leader in the Mountain View ministry, and a member of the adult Bible school class. The angels joined our celebration, for sure.

## **OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT**

Spooky movies in October may have kept younger ones away, but look at November's offerings and you'll see that Mike Royer has slated two classics for your viewing enjoyment. Take a peek at the back page to see what Mike has chosen to show us on Saturday evening, November 19.

## **SILENT AUCTION AND INTERNET SALES**

Kay Killian, thanks a bunch for heading up the Silent Auction. It was great. And you high-bidders, you have until the end of November to get your dollars in to Kay.

Some folk decided to put items on the internet... Craigslist or Ebay. If you have something of value that you'd like to sell this way but don't have sufficient experience, call Emily Rogers or Gene Stringer (or speak to them on Sunday). They'll assist you in taking some photos of your goods and posting them on the internet.

Remember, this effort is aimed at providing a little infusion of cash into our church coffers, since hard times have impacted us as they have other churches.



## **AMERICAN GIRL PHOTOGRAPHER JOINS LARSENS ON TRIP TO PERU**

When Karen and I make the trek to Peru in late November Jeff Rockwell and his soon-to-be bride will join us. Jeff is the staff photographer for the acclaimed magazine for young girls, *American Girl*. Jennifer is a journalist. So between the two of them

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two missions will benefit in big ways. Our first stop will be in Tacna, where Jeff will put his skills to use in capturing dozens of shots of the mission at work, locals in normal life situations and such. A week later, in Trujillo, Jeff and Jen will again be photographing kids at the dental clinic which my Rotary Club is underwriting, as well as whatever the mission leaders want to put on record. Jen will put pen to paper in recording her impressions of the events that transpire as we move from place to place.

In Tacna (with the Marlia-Larsens) I'll be offering a prayer seminar, a class for the mission team, as well as preaching on Sunday. In Trujillo, further north and on the Pacific coast, Karen and I will offer classes, including a Saturday seminar on Biblical Themes and Perspectives (New Testament). Our Peruvian dentist friend is a new Christian and the current president of his Rotary Club in Trujillo.

bunch or simply haven't given this event a try, come on by and be ready to laugh at least some of the jokes. Saturday, November 6, 9 in the morning. Yes, you!

**THANK -YOU Servant Leaders**

Everyone, please express your personal appreciation to Kay Killian and her family for coordinating our fellowship potlucks for 6 months (June – December). Now it is time to enlist a replacement. Ava Fish, Emily Rogers, Irma Potter, Janie Moore, and Janice Stringer are looking for others interested in developing the potluck fellowship ministry. Please pray about our continuing Potluck Ministry - If you feel motivated to volunteer, message any of these ladies and/or indicate your interest on the Comments section of the Connection Card and place it in the offering plate. Lord willing, we will see you all at the potlucks on November 15th and December 18th.

Janice Stringer



**SAINTS ALIVE AND EATING WELL**

What is this group really up to...those who meet at the Iron Skillet each First Saturday (November 6)? Some print off jokes and quips from their computers. They can't wait to get us laughing at their borrowed stuff. Still others are anxious to see attendees who join us from other churches. But some are mainly ready to dig into good ol' truck stop chow. The buffet is ample. And menu items...well we hear no complaints. So if you're new to our



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS**

Remember— Daylight Savings ends at 2:00 a.m. Sunday morning, November 6, 2011. Set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.



**VETERAN'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Friday, November 11th is Veteran's Day. Why not drop by Pioneer Hall across from Lithia Park to enjoy the Annual Veteran's Day Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the local posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. This event has been a tradition in Ashland for many years and several of our church members have been part of it. Menu includes: pancakes, ham, eggs, juice, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for those 6-12 years and 5 and under eat free. Breakfast is from 7:00 a.m. to Noon.

Brad Fish

## FACEBOOK

Thanks to all who “Like” us on Facebook. As of this writing we are now at 27 and have our easy to remember URL of:

[www.facebook.com/ChristianChurchofAshland](http://www.facebook.com/ChristianChurchofAshland)

Of course you can still get there by going to our website ([www.cc-ashland.org](http://www.cc-ashland.org)) and click on the “Find us on Facebook” box at the bottom of the home page. You can also find copies of Jim’s Thursday Tiding’s ads each week.

Brad Fish



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4 - Clyde Fuller
- 5 - Jason Wilson
- 8 - Sandee McDaniel
- 12 - Martha Bosworth
- 15 - Crystal Garcia
- 16 - Gene Stringer
- 20 - Betty Lillibridge
- 22 - Jim Farmer
- 26 - Brandon Witt
- 27 - Genice Normand

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It’s that time again. We have empty shoe boxes just waiting to be filled. Look for shoeboxes in the foyer and Fellowship Hall. There is also a box in the Fellowship hall if

you would like to bring something and our children will fill some boxes with what is brought in. Bring your filled boxes in any time. We will dedicate the shoe boxes and send them on their way on Sunday, November 13th.

Brad Fish



## HOLIDAY SHOEBOX PROJECT

For the past several years Access, Ink has had a Holiday Shoebox Project that provides “Cheer in a Recycled Shoebox”. This year we will offer the opportunity to provide these shoebox gifts for Seniors in our area.

If you would like to participate just find a shoebox and wrap the box and lid separately. Then fill the box with items for a seniors. Flyers are available at the Greeters Table. Turn the boxes into the church by Sunday, November 27th.

Brad Fish



## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 - Mel and Betty Tine Metcalf
- 24 - Jim and Gwen Jarrell
- 27 - Chris and Corey McDonald

*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>6</p>  <p>Daylight Savings Ends--set back 1 hour</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:45 AM Real Men-Old Farm House Cafe</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps 2:00 PM Mountain View Small Group</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 AM 39 Plus - Marie Hoffman's Home</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Clyde Fuller, B'day</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 AM Saints Alive Breakfast - Iron Skillet Jason Wilson, B'day</p>
<p>13</p> <p>12:30 PM Board Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:45 AM Real Men-Old Farm House Cafe</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps 12:00 PM Ladies Lunch Bunch - Fellowship Hall 2:00 PM Mountain View Small Group Sandra McDaniels, B'day</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 AM Pancake Break- fast - Pioneer Hall Veterans Day </p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 AM Deacons &amp; Deacons Work Day Levi Jo Marlin-Larsen, B'day Matha Rosworth, B'day Mel &amp; Betty Time Metcalf, Ann</p>
<p>20</p> <p>12:15 PM Potluck Betty Lillioide, B'day</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:45 AM Real Men-Old Farm House Cafe</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps 2:00 PM Mountain View Small Group Crystal Garcia, B'day</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:30 AM Rogne Riders - Shari's, Harry and David Tour Gene Stringer, B'day</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:30 PM Old Time Movie Night</p>
<p>27</p> <p>1:00 PM Decorating for Christmas Chris &amp; Corey McDonald, Ann Genice Normand, B'day</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:45 AM Real Men-Old Farm House Cafe</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps 2:00 PM Mountain View Small Group Jim Farmer B'day</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Jim &amp; Owen Jorrell, Ann. Thanksgiving </p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Brandon Witt, B'day</p>
		<p>29</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps 2:00 PM Mountain View Small Group</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00 AM 39 Plus - Newsletter Folding</p>			

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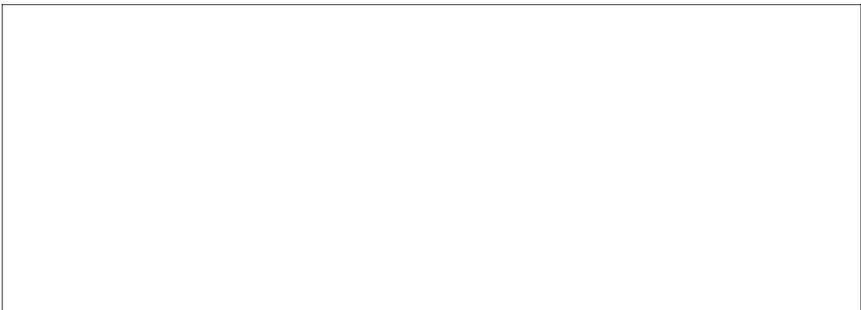
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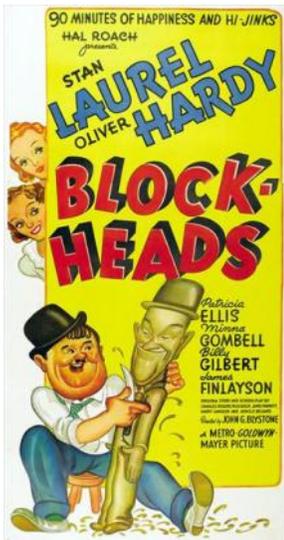
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10:45 AM Worship  
  
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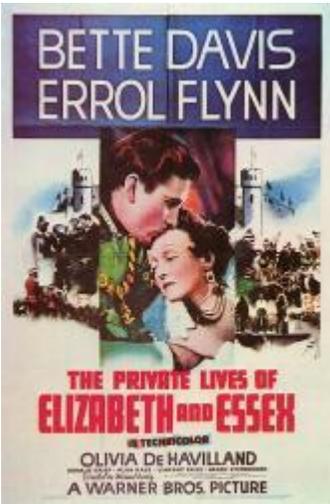


**CELLULOID HILARITY AND CINEMATIC HISTORY!  
Saturday, November 19, 2011**

Join us Saturday Nov. 19 for an evening of Intrigue, Treachery, Duplicity and Romance...and that's just in the comedy! All kidding aside, we've got two classics from Hollywood's Golden Age to entertain you as part of our Old Time Movie Night presentation. First up is the Hal Roach 1938 comedy generally considered to be one of Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy's best features. In "BLOCKHEADS," when Ollie hears about a soldier found in the trenches 20 years after World War I ended, he can't imagine anyone being that dumb--until he realizes it's his old pal Stanley. Ollie brings Stan home to meet the misus and the mishaps and gags follow unceasingly. Screen comic legend Billy Gilbert, as a big game hunter, in also along for the fun. After intermission and vintage "coming attractions"



we present the Warner Bros. lavish 1939 Technicolor tale of the ill-fated love between the aging Elizabeth I and the dashing, decades younger than the British monarch, Earl of Essex. It's "THE PRIVATE LIVES OF ELIZABETH AND ESSEX" starring double Academy Award winner Bette Davis and Errol Flynn at the peak of his remarkable good looks and athletic verve. This tale of tempestuous titled loves takes some liberties with historical accuracy but none with it's dramatic impact and was nominated for 5 Oscars. Davis and Flynn are supported by an all-star cast of screen favorites.



Gals...make sure you have a couple tissues handy. Expect the usual surprise or two. Please tell all your friends and neighbors...strangers on the street...shout it from the rooftops...admission is FREE!



**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.*