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THE STORY SELDOM TOLD

It is truly a daunting task, sorting through the hundreds of stories in the Bible to boil them all down to a handful which capture the theme and stream of The Story. In September I'll embark on a journey through the Bible, preaching sermons based on twenty-one of those sagas. For many years I've been telling the Big Three stories...

Abraham, Moses and Jesus. Invest three total hours in hearing these grand true tales, I've promised, and you can end up with a better sense of the Bible's plot than 95 percent of the people I know.

Now I'm inviting you to catch the drift of God's plan for humanity, fleshed out in these sermons which connect the dots of history, with glimpses of the future included. You've heard about Goliath, Samson, Ruth, Esther, David, Jonah and a plethora of other Bible characters. But how do they fit together? Ah, that is the rub. Which ones are more important than most of the others. Indeed, while the Bible is equally inspired from cover to cover, it is not equally important from beginning to end. Such is your Story. If you told of the key pieces of your life you'd not bother to explain how you first learned to tie your shoes. You'd only include

the big stuff, such as your childhood years, young adult decisions, and life with (*insert your spouse's name*).

So it is with the Bible. Some stories comprise its skeleton. Others are vital organs and limbs. We'll skip the toes. So here is my offer to you. Stay steady in attendance for the remainder of the year, in hopes of getting a clear view of The Story, the plot, of God's dream for humanity... all played out in the lives of colorful characters, some rowdy, others majestic. Sit in the dungeon with Joseph. Stand on the rooftop with King David. Mend your net alongside the likes of Peter and John. Stand at the foot of the cross and gaze into His face. Be astounded by the sound of a 'mighty rushing wind' and the sight of men standing like candles, with flames like fire rising from their heads. Sit in the pew and embark on this exciting journey with me and others.

It is the beginning of a new year, in a sense. Summer is being pinched off. School is back in session.

What better time than now to make

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a commitment to yourself to learn how God has built a highway from the Chaos of Genesis to the Shining City found in Revelation. Come with me, please. Starts **Sunday, September 23**. Let the journey begin!



LIBRARY THOUGHT

Margie Cicerella, the Children’s Librarian at the Ashland branch of the Jackson County Library writes about the importance of early literacy. “I could see clearly (how) the importance a family placed on reading affected the attitude their children developed towards reading—and it was true across many different social and economic situations. We need to grow our readers from the start, with reading modeled by caregivers, parents and other members of the family”. (With financial support from the Friends of the Ashland Library and the local Kiwanis Club , about 360 bags of books are given to the parents of newborns at Ashland Community Hospital each year.) --from Sneak Preview

Eleanor Olson

REAL MEN SHARPEN EACH OTHER

Solomon wrote that as Iron sharpens Iron, so one man sharpens another. It is good lesson to learn. We were made to interact with fellow believers. We need each other. Read the Bible alone and you’re sure to learn much. But study it with others and you’ll walk away with much more. Gain new insights, hear the stories of others, and hold the scriptures up to be viewed from various angles. You’ll be better equipped to face life. Al-



low your presuppositions to be challenged. That’s what these guys do on Monday mornings. It is so much more than arriving early enough to get the Early Bird special.

All guys are welcome...young ones included. Monday mornings, 7:45, The Old Farm House, Phoenix (Oregon!)

SAINTS ALIVE AND CELEBRATING



It is one place where a bunch of us can celebrate all sorts of stuff. We recognize birthday boys and girls, married folk who’ve reached another bench mark, and good news in general. Tall stories are expected. Fine vittles are enjoyed. There’s no rush. So relish. The Iron Skillet...Phoenix (Oregon!)... Saturday... September 1... 9 am



39PLUS OFFERS FELLOWSHIP AND PERSONAL GROWTH

Marie's lunch is enough for me. Really. Her years of experience in the kitchen result in fine vittles, month after month. Toss in a few hands of Kings Korners or Skipbo and I'm sure to not to miss this First Wednesday pow wow at her place *61N Mountain Ave.* (Unless I am in Peru) Studying the Bible together...splendid. But, you guessed it, the desert of days such as September 5 is 'the others'. Friendships run deep. You can tap into this, friend. The welcome mat is out. You'd walk into a little bit of heaven. Arrive at 10.



Last Wednesday. On the 26th we'll gather again, this time in Fellowship Hall. Folding the newsletter is a blast. We call out the names on the newsletters we fold and recite memories of folk who will receive this colorful correspondence...members who've moved away, friends now in far off places, and such.

So...Fellowship Hall...September 26...10 am... bring something for the potluck that follows our work project and Bible study led by Jim. All are invited.

LAUGHING CAN BE GOOD FOR YOU...

...and for your marriage. At least that is what Pastor Mark Gungor has shown is true for thousands of couples who have attended his famous marriage seminar.

www.laughyourway.com/events/

His uncanny ability to combine scientific research into the differences between the brains of men and women with solid Biblical principles and a large measure of humor make his teaching pleasurable, memorable and useful for all marrieds, young or old. The opportunity to attend this marriage seminar at Christian Church of Ashland is just around the corner. Mark your calendars for the weekend of November 9-10 and stay tuned for further details.

Gene Stringer

MIA JO MARLIA-LARSEN MAKES HER EXIT/ENTRANCE

Congratulations to the Marlia-Larsens on the birth of little Mia Jo.

Karen was able to reach Tacna, Peru, in time to be of assistance, especially in spending precious time with big brother, Cielo. These good folk will be returning to Oregon in December so Brian can complete his Nurse Practitioner certification under the oversight of a mentor. The Marlia-Larsens thank you for your love, encouragement and prayers. God bless you baby Mia Jo!



FALL POTLUCK

The Fall potluck is scheduled for **Sunday September 16th**, which is the third Sunday of the month.

A-L please bring a main dish and a salad to share, M-Z please bring a main dish and a dessert to share. Kay will be out of town that Sunday. If you can help in the kitchen, set up tables or clean up please pitch in!

Kay Killian

ROGUE RIDERS TO THE HOLY WATER

Fall will be in the air by Wednesday, September 19. Our jolly band of trekkers will head up the Rogue River, past Shady Cove and on to the Holy Water. This is a special fishing place between Lost Creek Reservoir and the Cole Rivers Fish Hatchery. There on the slow water of the Rogue we'll enjoy a cookout. Jim will serve as chef, grilling a tri-tip

roast, potatoes and other veggies over charcoal. There is nothing to bring, except your own lawn chair if you'd like. There is a nice covered area in the event of inclement weather. If the weather is really tough we'll just settle in a local restaurant instead of the meal outside.

So, meet up at the church at 10 a.m. or call Jim (541-890-3209) for a time to meet the caravan on the way to our destination. Expect beef, dessert, salad and a vegetable.

- Cookout in the high country
- Holy Water Picnic Area
- Meet at 10 or call Jim for a meeting place/time
- Bring: Warm clothing, lawn chair, money for coffee on the journey
- Note: Here is a great opportunity to introduce a friend to your church family

COMPASSIONATE ACTION IN REVIEW

How did we love them? Let us count the ways. Backyards were transformed, homes were organized, guys moved a lady to Corvallis, lawns were tended, the church grounds were spruced up, meals were prepared and delivered to the needy...and more. Thanks to all who heeded the call to loving service. So much of



this loving care was done with no fanfare. It was what we hoped for when the summer began.

OLD TIME MOVIES IN YEAR ELEVEN

Movie buffs stampede to our church month after month, enticed by an ad or article in one of the local

newspapers. The Daily Tidings often highlights an upcoming movie as a top entertainment opportunity for the week-end. You know that some of our current members first got acquainted with this by attending our Third Saturday double feature. Ashland's Old Time Movie Night is a fixture in our community. We rejoice that our facility is multipurpose. Take a peek at the back of this newsletter for details of the offerings for Saturday, September 15. Thanks to Mike Royer for being our faithful and creative host for so many years. Popcorn, anyone?

JIM IN PERU...AS YOU READ THIS



Friends, I brag about our church to anyone who will listen. You encourage me to be Christ's ambassador in the highways and byways of the Rogue Valley... and places a bit further away. A veteran preacher, I'm at a place in my life where the tools in my toolbox are getting sharper and more plentiful. So along with my ministry to our precious folk I am turned loose on our brothers and sisters in Christ who live in far flung places like Eugene (teaching for Northwest Christian University) and Peru. As this month's newsletter is being folded I should be sitting in the San Francisco Airport, waiting for a plane to Houston. By the time you read these words I will be in northern Peru. Trujillo is called the City of Eternal



Springtime since the temperatures are steadily moderate. My task in Trujillo is to teach on the Biblical Themes and Perspectives of the New Testament. I'll try to provide the gathered Christians with tools for studying, teaching and preaching. Another part of my stay there is that of working with young community leaders and preachers in giving more advanced training. On every trip down I'm asked to teach my Prayer course. If there is time I'll also offer my Helping, Healing, Wonder of Listening. We'll see if that happens. I hope so.

Leaving Trujillo in the north my journey will be back to Lima and on down to the tip of upper tip of Chile. Tacna, Peru, is just a taxi ride from that long, slender country. In Tacna I'll get my first glimpse of granddaughter Mia Jo and the rest of the family... including Karen. I've been invited to teach in the Bible Institute in Tacna. The main topic is Preaching. This has been a new topic for me as an instructor. So I've been reading, studying and preparing lessons. A big task was that of getting much material translated into Spanish. Thanks to Brad and my young friend Yahira for completing this work.

So in a real sense you touch the world in many ways. You are faithful supporters of mission groups all over the globe. And in these treks to South America your influence is felt. I'm overjoyed to be of use to God in this way...and grateful to you for encouraging these forays thousands of miles from home. May God bless us in all of our attempts to make the Eternal One known and accepted in our ever-growing circle of ministry.

Jim Larsen

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND...



ANOTHER OUTDOOR BREAKFAST

What a great time we've had, gathering each month at Emigrant Lake. Our little operation is running so smoothly that we just can't bring ourselves to quit just when things are so well-oiled. So, come **September 29** our cooking crew will be hosting yet another Dutch oven breakfast. Earl's mighty handy with the griddle...Jerry keeps on baking up biscuits in his Dutch oven, Brad is Mr. Bacon. Chris brings years of professional cooking to the frying pan and eggs to order. What a team. Then too, our diners cheer us on and appreciate the mighty fine vittles.

So join the fun. Come on out to Emigrant Lake. Bring a few bucks for parking and another couple for the donation jar. Cookers...8 ...Eaters...9 Bring a lawn chair...and be prepared for cool weather.



LETTER FROM CHRISTIAN'S HAVEN

We recently received a letter from Anisa L. Bero, our sponsored child. She writes:

Dear *Sponsors*,

I am *happy* that I *write you*. My friends always call me *Anis*. I *play* with my friends and we love to *draw and tell story* together. Part of our summer activity *gardening and fun activities*. My education...I just

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finished grade *K-1* last school year and now I am attending the *lower* level classes. Our school started in *July 4* and ends in the month of *March 2013*. I hope to learned and improve *reading*. We have visitors and their names are *Natash and Coyla* from Seattle USA and one from California who is *Ate Drey*. They help me read *A B C* and count numbers. My health is good because *I ate good food*. I am healthy and I am glad because *Jesus gave me strength*. My family and community's participation... At Christian's Haven I am living in *blue* cottage and we are all *13* living in it except our house parents. We attend worship service inside the campus since *June 3*. We have schedules who take turns in preparing the program for the said service. I and my family will *lead the worship*. I enjoyed *it* and I am thankful for *the time to be in CH*.



My Message for you... *You are all in my prayers. Please pray for me.*

*Love you all,
Anisa L. Bero*

(italics indicate her writing you can see the actual letter in the library on the Missions Board)



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - Jocelyn Jarrell
- 6 - Jean Vermillion
- 7 - Helen Jane Slack
- 20 - Arlene Scharich
- 25 - Jennifer Dooms
- 27 - Heathyr Wing
- 27 - Sharley Cox
- 29 - Christopher Macauley
- 29 - Steve Cox
- 29 - David Smith



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 13 - David and Heathyr Wing
- 16 - Jim and Karen Larsen
- 19 - Jose and Lisa Villalobos
- 23 - Earl and Emily Rogers
- 24 - Brian and Lori Jo Marlia-Larsen

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
2	3 7:45 AM Real Men-Old Farm House Cafe Jocelyn Jarrell, B'day Labor Day	4 9:30 AM Piece Corps	5 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Marie Hoffman's Home	6 Jean Vermillion, B'day	7 Helen Jane Slack, B'day	8 9:00 AM Saints Alive Breakfast - Iron Skillet
9 12:30 PM Board Meeting	10 7:45 AM Real Men-Old Farm House Cafe	11 9:30 AM Piece Corps	12	13 David & Heather Wing, Ann	14	15 6:30 PM Old Time Movie Night
16 12:15 PM Potluck Jim and Karen Larsen, Ann	17 7:45 AM Real Men-Old Farm House Cafe	18 9:30 AM Piece Corps Jose and Lisa Vilhalobos, Ann	19 10:00 AM Rogue Riders - Holy Water	20 Arlene Scharich, B'day	21	22
23 Earl and Emily Rogers, Ann	24 7:45 AM Real Men-Old Farm House Cafe Brian and Lori Jo Marilia-Larsen, Ann	25 9:30 AM Piece Corps Jennifer Dooms, B'day	26 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Newsletter Folding	27 Heather Wing, B'day Starley Cox, B'day	28	29 9:00 AM Summer Breakfast - Emigrant Lake Christopher Maccauley, B'day David Smith, B'day Steve Cox, B'day
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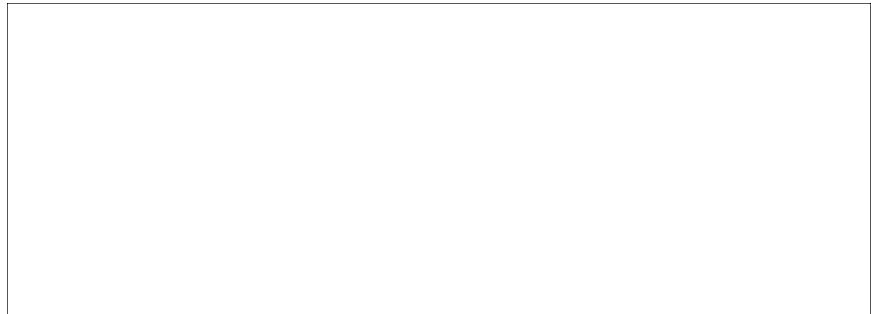
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday Service Schedule
9:30 AM Adult Bible Study
10:30 AM Junior Church
10:45 AM Worship



Faithful to God, Responsive to People



A GOLD MEDAL OLYMPIC GAMES MYSTERY AND A LAVISH ALL-STAR TECHNICOLOR EXTRAVAGANZA!



On **Saturday, September 15th** we start our evening of classic Hollywood movies with the thrilling 1937 Fox mystery "**CHARLIE CHAN AT THE OLYMPICS**" in which the legendary sleuth, portrayed by Warner Oland, is hot on the trail of international spies who are using the Berlin Olympic Games as a cover for cold-blooded murder! When Chan's number 1 son Lee, played by Keye Luke, an Olympic athlete, is kidnapped, the wily detective must choose between the life of his son...and the love of his country. White fox fur, anyone?!

After our usual intermission of vintage drive-in snack-bar ads and coming attraction "trailers" we will present a Who's Who of credited and uncredited Hollywood Golden Age talents in the 1946 Technicolor feature that MGM touted as the

"greatest production since the birth of Motion Pictures!" Wow!

It's "**ZIEGFELD FOLLIES**," an all-star extravaganza which features among it's huge cast such greats as Lucille Ball, Judy Garland, Lena Horne, Red Skelton and his famous Guzzler's Gin skit, Fanny Brice, Kathryn Grayson, Victor Moore, Esther Williams, Cyd Charisse, William Frawley, William Powell as showman extraordinaire Flo Ziegfeld, and the first-ever screen pairing of two of cinema's greatest dancers, Fred Astaire and Gene Kelly. Gosh...Astaire does four numbers in all. They don't make 'em like this anymore! What a show!



Our reasonably priced snack-bar will be open most of the evening, so bring a hearty appetite. Be sure and tell all your friends and neighbors about this family friendly event. Mention it in your emails. Shout it from the rooftops. The movies are FREE!



Doors and snack-bar open at 6:00 p.m. and the movies start at 6:30. There is no charge for admission, but donations are accepted.

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