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PASTORING THE UNCHURCHED

As he was gassing up my car, I asked the young guy how he was able to attend church, since he worked Sundays. He replied that his two jobs had pretty much snuffed out any church activities. 'Well, maybe I could be your pastor', I offered. He repeated his schedule predicament. I explained how I could still be his pastor. I anticipated his quizzical look. This would mean that I'd check in on him from time to time, solicit his prayer requests, send the church newsletter, pray for him and such. He liked it. We added Rich to the newsletter list and I made a point of filling up and following up when I knew he was at the pump.

Sometime later my young friend invited me to meet his fiancé and do the marrying. The wedding was superb. He moved further from the neighborhood and now attends a church in Central Point. The initial, unplanned question (May I be your pastor?) has been well received by a good number of current friends who either can't or won't meet with Christians at the usual times and places. Many folk need a pastor/preacher/minister/shepherd sooner or later. Weddings have fit into this model...funerals and baptisms too.

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It seems that a growing number of people don't see a connection between worshipping and the practice of attending church services. I know that God designed the church to be a place where believers share their gifts and benefit from the gifts and care of others. But until we can construct a bridge from 'disciple' to 'church family', I'm banking on what Jesus said about two or three gathering together.

Life is not always black and white. "Going to church" is not the only way to identify those who are walking with Jesus. A relationship with God may precede sitting in a pew. For wounded folk, the church building may actually represent a place of pain and injury. Of course the other side of the coin needs to be noted. Mere attendance at Sunday services is certainly no guarantee that the attendee is a friend or disciple of Jesus. It seems that Jesus said a few things in that regard.

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My suggestion is that we reach out to all kinds of people and not think less of them if they are reluctant to darken the doors of our church house. There may be much more there than meets the eye.

May I be your pastor?



dentist donates his time and has recruited another dentist to do the same. The money will pay dental assistants and help cover material costs. Everyone is getting in on this venture from one end of the trek to the other. It is as if I'll be traveling with all of you and these other friends in my backpack. I absolutely feel supported and loved. Thank you...and you... and you! Jim Larsen



CHURCH AT LOUIE'S NOW DAILY ALL OVER WEB

Believe it or not, Church of Louie's is now a daily feature, seen and heard Monday through Friday on HollywoodJesus.com, YouTube, Blip TV, Miro, Blogger, iTunes, GodBeat TV, and of course at OutsideTheWalls.com! It is an amazing outreach. For years Jim, Brad and myself have been doing the show weekly at Louie's Restaurant. Brad has done the camera work, edited it for weekly broadcast on RVTV. It has been my dream to expand the show into an international outreach, and now it is happening. I prepare the daily shows for the internet, deliver them to Jim, and he uploads them on a daily ba-



YOUR AMAZING GRACE

I was delighted to be the recipient of a flood of yard sale items which ended up blessing my travel fund. Thank you all. Furniture, nice clothing, garden paraphernalia, good books, TVs, exercise equipment and all of the usual bargain items. Folk who picked up our newsletter at Movie Night called with offers of sale items. One movie buff from Medford sent a check for \$50 to defray travel costs. Yikes! What can I do but thank you profusely?

I know I mentioned that my Rotary Club is sending \$2000 so we can put on a dental clinic. A Peruvian

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sis with commentary.

It is easy to view the show on any of the internet sites that run it. Simply go to the front page of Outside the Walls web site (www.outsidethewalls.com) and there you will find links to all the various sites.

For those wanting to comment on the various shows can do so on Jim's new blog site, jimoutsidethewalls.blogspot.com

Here are some the hot topics we have discussed:

- > What's Tops On Your Bucket List?
- > A Sudden End for America?
- > Night Owls Beware!
- > Is America Doomed to End?
- > Men Are Less Verbal...Ouch and Oh!
- > The Trouble With The Frig
- > The Magic of Music

We have an amazing potential audience of millions, and on site like Hollywood Jesus we already have a very large audience numbering in the 100,000s. This is very exciting to me. I am so thankful for being able to partner with Jim and Brad in this powerful evangelistic outreach. Allow me to invite you to be a part of this as well. Simply log onto Jims blog <http://jimoutsidethewalls.blogspot.com/> and post your comments. Or, go to www.outsidethewalls.com and get for daily fix of Church at Louie's.

OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT

June marks the beginning of our ninth year of showing classic movies in our auditorium. Long ago this event became of fixture on the Ashland entertainment scene. These 'Third Saturday' gatherings have resulted in lasting friendships and plenty of folks being exposed to our amazing snack bar crew, church members who simply meet and greet people...and even



your pastor. Here's a wonderful opportunity for you to bring a friend to a 'safe' function where they won't be pressured to attend church. Some of our current members first set foot in our church building to watch an oldie on the silver screen.

Check out the back page for this month's selections.

OUTDOOR BREAKFAST HAVE GROWN EACH YEAR



I started out cooking up a little bacon and eggs...what was that, seven years ago? Now you have taken over the Dutch ovens, guys, and you all know how to make biscuits and gravy. Now we have omelets instead of scrambled eggs.

You want grilled onions and pepper. Have it your way! My coffee wasn't good enough, was it? A bunch of you bring specialty coffees in thermos for all to enjoy. Fine! We had a little select cadre doing the fun stuff under the radar...then you insisted on bringing friends. Make my day, buddy! It used to be enough that we'd cook, eat and go home. But no,

Brian & Lori Jo's Graduation Ceremony

School Of Nursing Commencement

Tuesday, June 1, 2010

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

No Tickets Required

Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall

1037 Southwest Broadway

Portland, Oregon 97205

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you have to bring your kayak, footballs and Frisbees. Now you know what pastoral pressure means. What about the old standards...mainly deacons and tenured members stood around the grill and waited like baby birds yearning for a worm. Now kids and friends of kids are showing up. What's next the whole neighborhood? Go for it. But see if I offer any of those nice long prayers like I used to. Just remember...you had your chance. Next breakfast at Immigrant Lake...Saturday, May 29...cookers at 8...eaters at 9. Bring a little something for the donation basket as well as money for parking. It won't be like the Old Days. Jim



39 PLUS GAMES STUDY CHOW

Okay, this is like a broken record, right? Games, Bible study and lunch. Pretty simple. We've been doing this for nine years. Yet attendees never seem to tire of excellent company, a hand or two of competitive cards, Jim's enthusiastic presentation of the Word and more-than-enough lunch. Marie makes the main dish and others pitch in for a real feast. This goes on the first Wednesday of every month... how about June 2. Marie Hoffman lives at 61 N. Mountain. Arrive at 10 and plan to be headed home by about 12:30 or so.

Later, on June 30, we'll gather in Fellowship Hall to fold the newsletter, study the Word and enjoy our potluck lunch. All ages are welcome.

REALLY,
MEN

We've stood the test of time...we men have. We first met when the



place was called Sissy's. Then it was Annie's. It was King's for a time. Now we meet under the banner of The Old Farm House. We are a steady bunch. Gene and Mel always share their breakfast. Bill brings his fine grandson and they sit side by side. Jim brings Cielo every so often. Jerry buys breakfast for first-timers. We are stuck in a nice rut. Come on...somebody bring something new to this weekly gathering of guys. We meet there in Phoenix (Oregon!) each Monday at 7:45. Bring your Bible.



ROGUE RIDERS HAVE COVERED THE TERRITORY

We've been everywhere, man. Rogue Riders have visited museums, attended county fairs, picnicked in a multitude of parks, petted llamas, walked through greenhouses and nurseries, visited fish hatcheries, stopped by Dogs for the Deaf and much more. At special eateries these folk have enjoyed buffalo burgers, fast food, specialty fare, home cookin', buffets, deck-overlooking-the-river grub, hot dogs, ice cream cones and ethic stuff. Yep, we've been everywhere and packed on a few pounds.



And you are welcome to join us...regardless of age. Helen Jane Slack is our wagon master. Contact her with questions or suggested destinations.

JUNE POTLUCK

A TIME TO MEET AND EAT
Father's Day, School Vacations, Graduations,
So much to celebrate in June! Turn your food shar-

ing ideas to Father's Favorites, no school tomorrow treats, Congratulation Diploma Cookies and ?????? See you at our next "two B or not two B" Family and Friends Celebration Potluck on June 20.

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

SAINTS ALIVE JUNE 5



They say we get to know folk best by eating and working with them. And you want to work? The first Saturday of each month offers a great opportunity to get acquainted with folk you see each Sunday but seldom have enough time for a real conversation. Then too, there are almost always good people from other congregations on hand. Bring a tale or joke to get us laughing. We liked like that. Order from the menu or fill your plate from the ample buffet.

June 5...Iron Skillet Restaurant...Phoenix (Oregon!) ...9 a.m.

SPECIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES SCHEDULED

This summer the discussion topic will be Religions of the World. The format will be the same as last summer; a brief introduction to the topic of the hour followed by small group roundtable discussion of key questions led by Michael, Doyle and Gene. We have selected seven prominent world religions to start the 11-week series. We will conclude with a four week study based on 1 Thessalonians: Sharing the Faith. Refreshments will be served starting at

9:15 AM. A 20-30 minute background PowerPoint lesson will begin at 9:30 followed by the small group discussions. Mark your calendars for June 20 when the fun begins. This will be a great learning opportunity.

GRADUATING SOON...CONGRATS!

We are pleased to announce that the following students are graduating from their respective schools within the next two weeks:



- > **Richard Hamilton**, son of Julie Hamilton, graduates from Phoenix Middle School.
- > **Sarah Krajcwski** is graduating from Southern Oregon University (Masters degree in teaching).
- > **Theo Killian** (son of Ted and Kay Killian) is graduating from Southern Oregon University.
- > **Brian and Lori Jo Marlia Larsen** are graduating from Oregon Health and Science University (Bachelor of Science, nursing major)

If we have missed a graduate, please contact the office (541-482-1561) so your church family can acknowledge and congratulate him or her.

Way to go, graduates! Please be sure to be present in our worship time this Sunday (May 30) so we can present you with a gift.

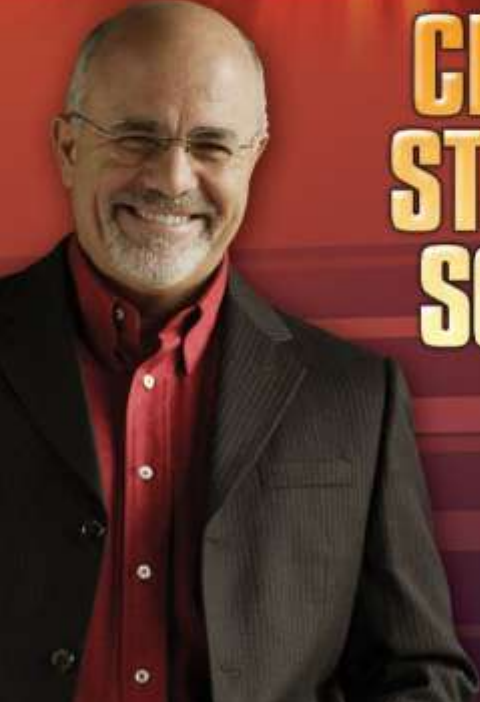
LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

The Piece Corp Ladies will be hosting the June Ladies Lunch Bunch at noon on Tuesday June 8th in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact them or make a note on your communication card so they get a good count of how many to plan for.

GET ON THE ROAD TO
FINANCIAL PEACE

Financial Peace University
 is a biblically based, video-driven
 small group study that teaches families
 to beat debt, build wealth and
 give like never before!

**CLASS
 STARTS
 SOON!**

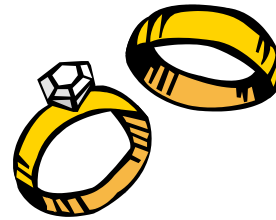


Doyle Cornwell will again facilitate our next Financial Peace University class. The next class begins Tuesday June 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Doyle or go to www.daveramsey.com for more info and to register.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 4 - Brian Marlia-Larsen
- 5 - Juanita Hernandez
- 12 - Bob Heath
- 16 - Zachary Sutton
- 19 - Edan Rudy
- 23 - Laurie Royer
- 28 - Trevor Ellis
- 28 - Mike Royer
- 29 - Colton McDonald
- 29 - Ericha Tiller
- 29 - Michael Wing



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES


- 2 - Jason and Roxanne Wilson
- 4 - Rick and Connie Griffith
- 8 - Doyle and Linda Cornwell
- 11 - Ed and April Macauley
- 15 - James and Sandee McDaniel

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 12:30 PM Ladies Ministry Mtg</p>	<p>7 7:45 AM Men Alive-Old Farm House Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group</p>	<p>1 9:30 AM Piece Corps</p>	<p>2 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Marie Hoffman's Home Jason & Roxanne Wilson, Ann</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Brian Marla-Larsen, B'day Rick & Connie Griffith, Ann</p>	<p>5 9:00 AM Saints Alive Breakfast - Iron Skillet Juanita Hernandez, B'day</p>
<p>13 12:30 PM Board Meeting</p>	<p>14 7:45 AM Men Alive-Old Farm House Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group <i>Flag Day</i></p>	<p>8 9:30 AM Piece Corps 12:00 PM Ladies Lunch Bunch 7:00 PM Financial Peace University-Fellowship Hall Doyle & Linda Connell, Ann</p>	<p>9 10:30 AM Rogue Riders - TBA Zachary Sutton, B'day</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Ed and April Macauley, Ann</p>	<p>12 Bob Heath, B'day</p>
<p>20 12:15 PM Potluck Adam & Nadine Christie, Ann  Father's Day</p>	<p>21 7:45 AM Men Alive-Old Farm House Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group</p>	<p>15 9:30 AM Piece Corps 7:00 PM Financial Peace University-Fellowship Hall James & Sandee McDaniel, Ann</p>	<p>16 10:30 AM Rogue Riders - TBA Zachary Sutton, B'day</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 6:30 PM Old Time Movie Night Edan Rudy, B'day</p>
<p>27 12:30 PM Deaconess Meeting - Volunteer Office</p>	<p>28 7:45 AM Men Alive-Old Farm House Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group Mike Royer, B'day Trevor Ellis, B'day</p>	<p>22 9:30 AM Piece Corps 7:00 PM Financial Peace University-Fellowship Hall Enieha Tiller, B'day Michael Wmgl, B'day</p>	<p>23 Laurie Royer, B'day</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 9:00 AM Summer Breakfast - Emigrant Lake Andrew & Rebecca Blone, Ann</p>

May

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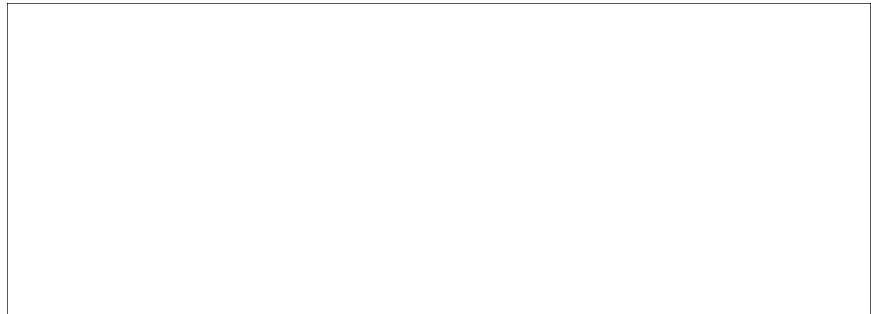
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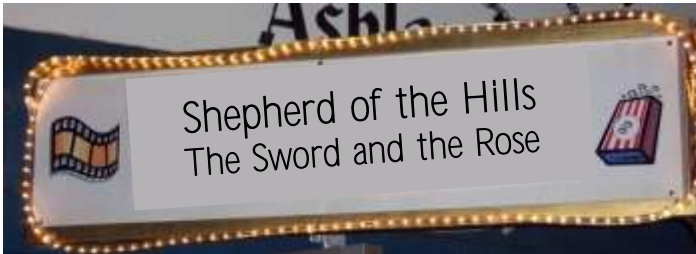
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday Service Schedule

- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Discovery Club
- 10:45 AM Worship



Faithful to God, Responsive to People



Duke of Buckingham.. The stars are Glynis Johns, Richard Todd, Michael Gough and James Robertson Justice, who shines as the redoubtable Henry. Expect the usual surprise or two. Tell your friends and neighbors, especially those young folks who "won't watch black n' white" movies. This is an ALL COLOR evening!

Doors open at 6:00 pm and the silver screen lights up at 6:30 pm.

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

A GALA ALL COLOR EVENING OF CLASSIC MOVIES!

Please join us **Saturday evening June 19** for Old Time Movie Night when we present two classic technicolor features from Hollywood's Golden Age of Movies. We start the colorful evening off with Paramount's 1941 beautifully mounted production of "**SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS**," the story about Ozark mountain folk and the young man sworn to destroy the man who abandoned his mother. Surrounded by a cast of marvelous stars and character actors, including Betty Field, Harry Carey, Marjorie Main and Ward Bond, John Wayne excels as a man who lives his life in the shadow of a curse.

The evening's second feature is RKO's rousing 1953 "**THE SWORD AND THE ROSE**," a lavish historical film set in the days of Henry the Eighth, full of romance, chivalry, pageantry and skullduggery. Mary Tudor sets her royal cap for a dashing young soldier of fortune, against the wishes of her brother the King and the villainous

