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Letter from Lima

I'm sitting in the Lima, Peru, airport as I write to you. Although I contend that I could survive here with my limited Spanish, the sandwich I've just ordered will be filled with surprises. My buddy, John Hendee, invited me to

now overjoyed to have direct access to God, minus a rigid church system. The Restoration Movement offers them a breath of fresh air. You know that I find fulfillment in helping new converts get a grasp of the 'plot' of the Bible, develop dynamic prayer lives and other foundational tools. I've been making these treks to South America for thirteen or fourteen years, so many precious friendships have developed. I'm loved by their leadership team, so there is no need to develop a 'trust base' each time I arrive. We just pick up where we left off.



do some preaching and teaching in Trujillo, so I'm still swimming in the joy of that recent experience. Teams from around the West converged on that city of a million souls. They completed a septic system and construction projects, between VBS type ministries with kids in the poorest part of town.



Most of the 300 baptized so far in 2010 have Catholic roots. They are

John likes telling the folk in Peru that I come from a large church. He explains that his 'large' has to do with many lives touched each week by our congregation. Who knows how many young preachers download and use our PowerPoint sermons on a regular basis (found on OutsideTheWalls.com)? Gene and Janice minister to that 'congregation' over at Arbor Place each Sunday. A small cluster benefits from the love of Chaz Burke, Eleanor Olsen and your preacher each Tuesday

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at Jackson House. Of course our involvement with the Klamath Falls bunch has created a fine connection between us and our brothers and sisters on the other side of the Cascade Mountains. Movie Night produces new relationships on a monthly basis. Touching lives at Louie's Restaurant and Bar is a constant. Financial Peace University and ALPHA minister to new and repeat attendees each session. And there is more. In a day when many churches focus on the Sunday 'event', our congregation is more and more seeing Sunday services as Halftime. Sunday launches us into a week of being salt and light all over our valley...and around the planet.

It will be good to be back to our Large church. Thanks for preaching last Sunday, Michael Wing. Elders and church board, thanks for giving your blessing to these forays for the Kingdom. And you, fine congregation, I missed you. Oops, my plane is about to jump into the air, headed north...see you muy pronto.

With Mucho Amor,
Pastor Jaime




THE PRESIDENT VISITS REAL MEN POW WOW

It was a wonderful surprise to have Dr. Mike Sweeney, President of Emmanuel School of Religion in attendance at our regular Monday morning meeting on June 28. Our church supported the Sweeney's when they were on the mission field. He became the head of the Missions Department at Emmanuel before accepting the call to be their president.



Guys, come on out to our weekly breakfast, study and fellowship group at the Old Farm House. It's always a productive time...and who knows who you may meet! Mondays, 7:45. Jerry Moore promises to buy breakfast for first timers (must bring this ad and photo ID).

Jerry Moore likes to buy breakfast for first-timers that famous Monday breakfast at The Old Farm House. The chow is more than ample and tasty too. Throughout the summer we'll keep on keeping on. Gentlemen, start your engines and drive on down to Phoenix (Oregon, buster!) any Monday at 7:45. We do more than just chat. Bring your Bible and your brain.

SPENCER HUMPHREY BAPTIZED

Our experience with Spencer dates back to our days of preparing and serving those gourmet Dutch oven pizzas in Lithia Park. Brian Marlia-Larsen was working at the Red Lion Restaurant at the time and arranged for us to pick up left-over restaurant food for our food ministry. Spencer was one of the Red Lion folk who always helped us load up my car with lots and lots of fine vittles. A good number of wait staff were baptized during that time. Spencer and I studied the Bible together. He has been pondering this decision for a while now. On June 13 he stepped forward and took the plunge for Jesus. Welcome, Spencer, and God bless you.



Jim Larsen

OUTDOOR BREAKFAST CONTINUE TO ADD DRAMA TO SUMMER MONTHS

The 8 o'clock bunch (the cooks) is growing. They dice peppers and onions. They take a few swigs of hot coffee. Somebody gets the coals going for the Dutch oven. You'll hear eggs cracking and frying

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By nine, when the Eaters arrive, there is glorious aroma in the air and bacon sizzling. Biscuits are just now about perfect and the sausage gravy is of the right consistency.

Sorry, friend, but the next breakfast at Emigrant lake is not until July 31. Mark your calendar now. Bring a friend. What better event than this for introducing your friends and family to your church bunch. Bring a little something for the donation jar and \$4 to park. Need directions? Call me: 541-890-3209



Jim

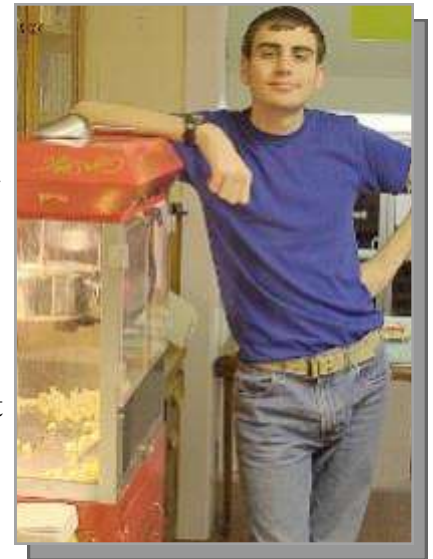
39PLUS AND ROGUE RIDERS CONVERGE ON LARSEN PATIO

Karen and I invite all adults to our home for an outdoor brunch on the patio, Wednesday, July 7. My father will be visiting Nevada, so it would be mighty fine if you could all meet him. We'll have blueberry pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage or bacon and orange juice and coffee. Give me a call if you plan to attend, please (541-890-309). The garden is roaring along, full speed land a little morning breeze (with you in attendance) should make the morning like a bit of heaven. Drop in about 9, with brunch to be served about 9:30. This

will take the place of both our early-in-the-month 39Plus gathering and the July Rogue Riders outing. Please accept our invitation. Jim

OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT...FREE HOTDOGS FOR ALL!

To celebrate the beginning of our ninth year (!) of offering classic movies to our community, hot dogs will be free on July 17. Greg Luce started this surprisingly popular even back at the first of the century. Mike Royer took the reins several years ago, and the beat goes on. Here's another grand opportunity for you to introduce somebody to the church facility, your church family and church (why not?) food.



Thanks to the faithful snack bar and set-up team for giving quick service, always with smiles.

SORRY JENNIFER!

I failed to include Jenny Macauley in our list of graduates last month. Jennifer graduated from Crater High School and will attend Rogue Community College in September. She's the daughter of Ed and April, and sister of Chris. Jenny is a solid member of our youth class. Sorry to miss you, young lady. We're very proud of you. Jim

YESINIA AND JARED...MARRIED!

It was a beautiful ceremony for a handsome couple. There at the Red Lion Hotel in Medford, these two tied the knot, taking solemn vows and exchanging rings. Jim conducted the service. Congratulations to the Lauderdales and their son Isaac. It has been good seeing them in our worship service each week.



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KEVIN SANDERS AND TERRY HAYES MARRY IN LITHIA PARK

The two first met while riding our church float in the Fourth of July parade a few years ago. Both helped prepare and serve pizzas in our God in the G.O.D.

(Great Out Doors) ministry in Lithia Park. Like turned to love and now

they are husband and wife. Jim had the privilege of helping them exchange vows and rings. Congratulations!



OFF TO CAMP! . . .

SCHOLARSHIPS, ANYBODY

Sean and Nathaniel Rogers, Chris Macauley and Isaac McDaniel all plan to attend Grove Christian Camp. One scholarship (\$180.00) has already been donated. Perhaps there are others who would give a full or partial scholarship to help send these guys to Middle School week at Grove Christian Service Camp. Give Jim a call (541-890-3209) if you are willing and able to help. Here is the address of the camp in case you'd like to send them a note (send mail in plenty of time for it to reach them on July 12-15

Grove Christian Service Camp
37028 Shoreview Drive
Dorena, Oregon 97434

SAINTS ALIVE AND MUNCHING

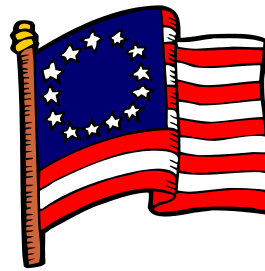
We are a munchy bunch. And why not? Each first-Saturday-morning-of-the-month finds a roomful of our good people sitting shoulder to shoulder at the Iron Skillet Restaurant in Phoenix (Oregon!). The buffet has the silent endorsement of plenty of truck drivers. The menu fare is more than fair. The jokes have become more plentiful, with the arrival of more and more 'forwards' which are hand delivered for

your entertainment. Jim's dad, Norm, will be on hand, so please behave yourselves!

Saturday, July 3, Iron Skillet, 9 a.m. Bring a friend!



WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, JULY 4



Ashland will be like a beehive on Sunday, with thousands of visitors converging on our fair city to view the Fourth of July parade. You'll want to arrive early for worship, if you expect to find a parking spot. Why not come early and join in the Summer Bible School class in Fellowship Hall? We are

taking a close look at world religions so as to better equip our people for meaningful dialogue with their adherents.

Bible School begins at 9:30, with a light breakfast prepared for you by 9:15. Drop-ins welcome!



CHURCH LIBRARY...A REAL SERVICE TO YOU

You'll find the book shelves full of good reading. But these days some of our folk have provided books for your reading enjoyment and personal growth from their personal libraries. You'll see them on the long table in the Library, with their clipboard available to note the ones you borrow. Check them out!

NEW PHOTO BULLETIN BOARD ON THE WAY

Starting July 4, the bulletin board in the foyer will begin filling up with photos of our folk, with a spe-

cial section for New Arrivals. Our preacher/photographer would like to shoot all of you and post your picture there for all to see...and see your name there too. If you are a regular participant in the life of our church family, we'd like to include you. The camera will be on hand each Sunday. Keep your eyes peeled for the gallery.

TUESDAY MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Chaz Burke (temporarily laid up, recovering from knee surgery) and Eleanor Olsen assist me in our singing/Bible story/fellowship time at Jackson House each Tuesday at 3 in the afternoon. Chaz and I then head to Skylark to put a little love on the dear elderly ones there. Care to join this fulfilling ministry. Give me a call (541-890-3209). Even if you aren't available every week, your loving kindness will mean



much.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Dear Family,
I don't know how many of you watch Christian television. I find it every now and again, usually when I am tired and channel surfing at an odd hour of the day or night. Recently I came upon a program all done up in popular talk show format, complete with a live band playing music reminiscent of the stuff I remember from my younger years when I used to tune into Saturday Night Live. (I'll go ahead and date myself here and let you know that for me SNL means the days of Chevy Chase and Dan Ackroyd, just so you know where I'm coming from.)

The moderators of this show (a man with a female co-host) were addressing subject material all too familiar-yet-confusing to what I am sure is a primarily Christian audience: the role of men versus women in the context of the marriage relationship. Forgive me for a little cynicism here, but the person doing most of the talking was the guy, which I found interesting in light of the main idea that was being developed. The main idea, which seems very popular in Christian "how to get along with your spouse or potential spouse", manuals, is this: men are born brain damaged. (Sorry, guys.)

For those who may not be familiar with this notion, the basic proposition is that the baby boy brain is bathed in certain chemicals in utero that render it less developed in the type of neural circuitry necessary to engage in the kind of talk that women thrive on: the sharing of feelings. You can't expect your guy to have much to say in this area, girls, because he can't help it. His brain just isn't on the same playing field as yours in this department. If you play it smart, you'll get most of your "strokes" from God and a good group of girlfriends.

True? I'll leave that question to be further explored by the research professionals who specialize in these things. I would like to submit, however, evidence from the word of God regarding some pretty "emotional" men that suggest another truth: Men in prayer, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, are capable of an amazing range of expression on behalf of self, family, and nations. Check it out: Peek in on Moses as he intercedes for Israel after they've blown it by worshipping a golden calf. (Read the entire story in Exodus 32) Hear David's heart as he grieves for his sin with Bathsheba in Psalm 51. Think big boys don't cry? Listen to Jeremiah in the book of Lamentations. Of course, you could jump to the New Testament and look at Jesus himself, who "... offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him. . ." (Hebrews 5:7). Next time you're in a tight spot, go to the garden and "sweat bullets" alongside the One who knows what it is to sweat blood . . . literally.

I offer these observations not so much to make a case one way or the other in the ongoing battle of the sexes as to make an old point in a different way: prayer

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changes things. Going to God with whatever “it” is can alter outcomes, even if the only alteration turns out to be inside the interior world of the person offering the prayer.

I think there’s something extremely valuable in that, whether you are male or female. And guys . . . good luck with that brain damage.

Praying with you all,
Julie

JULY POTLUCK

Our July Potluck will be Sunday, July 18th. As always this is a great time for good food and good fellowship.

If your last name begins with **A-K, please bring a main dish and a salad**. If your last name begins with **L-Z, please bring a main dish and a dessert**. Single folks just bring one item to share.

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

LIBRARY THOUGHT

“Read slower for greater meaning” says an English professor at the University of New Hampshire. He argues it’s becoming all the more important in a culture and educational system that often treats reading as fast food to be gobbled up as quickly as possible. Thomas Newkirk is encouraging schools from elementary through college to return to old strategies such as reading aloud and memorization as a way to help students truly “taste” the words.

Eleanor Olson

“The way to happiness: Keep your heart free from hate, your mind from worry. Live simply, expect much.

Scatter sunshine.

Forget self, think of others.

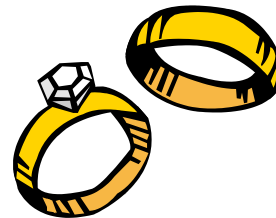
Try this for a week and you will be surprised

Norman Vincent Peal



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 - Austin Phillips
- 5 - Rebecca Blore
- 6 - Brandon Wilson
- 8 - Bobbie Ashby
- 11 - Delanee McDaniel
- 11 - Larry Ellis
- 18 - Jamie Altman
- 18 - Rick Griffith
- 22 - Ronald Fuller
- 23 - Jean Dooms
- 27 - Heather Pepper
- 29 - James McDaniel



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 29 - Dan and Jenny Acery

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"

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| <p>4</p>  <p>Independence Day</p> | <p>5</p> <p>7:45 AM Men Alive- Old Farm House Cafe</p> <p>8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group Aamin Phillips, Bday Rebecca Biers, Bday</p> | <p>6</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps 7:00 PM Financial Peace University- Fellowship Hall Brandon Wilson, Bday</p> | <p>7</p> <p>10:00 AM 39 Plus - Marie Hoffman's Home</p> | <p>8</p> <p>Bobbie Ashby, Bday</p> | <p>9</p> | <p>10</p> |
| <p>11</p> <p>12:30 PM Board Meeting Debrae McDaniel, Bday Larry Ellis, Bday</p> | <p>12</p> <p>7:45 AM Men Alive- Old Farm House Cafe</p> <p>8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group</p> | <p>13</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps 7:00 PM Financial Peace University- Fellowship Hall</p> | <p>14</p> | <p>15</p> | <p>16</p> | <p>17</p> <p>6:30 PM Old Time Movie Night</p> |
| <p>18</p> <p>12:15 PM Poduck Janise Altman, Bday Rick Griffith, Bday</p> | <p>19</p> <p>7:45 AM Men Alive- Old Farm House Cafe</p> <p>8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group</p> | <p>20</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps 7:00 PM Financial Peace University- Fellowship Hall</p> | <p>21</p> <p>10:30 AM Rogue Riders - TBA</p> | <p>22</p> <p>Ronald Fuller, Bday</p> | <p>23</p> <p>Jein Dooms, Bday</p> | <p>24</p> |
| <p>25</p> <p>12:30 PM Deacons Meeting - Volunteer Office</p> | <p>26</p> <p>7:45 AM Men Alive- Old Farm House Cafe</p> <p>8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group</p> | <p>27</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps 7:00 PM Financial Peace University- Fellowship Hall Heather Pepper, Bday</p> | <p>28</p> <p>10:50 AM 39 Plus - Newsletter Folding</p> | <p>29</p> <p>Dan & Jenny Acery, Am James McDaniel, Bday</p> | <p>30</p> | <p>31</p> <p>9:00 AM Summer Break- fast - Emigrant Lake</p> |

August

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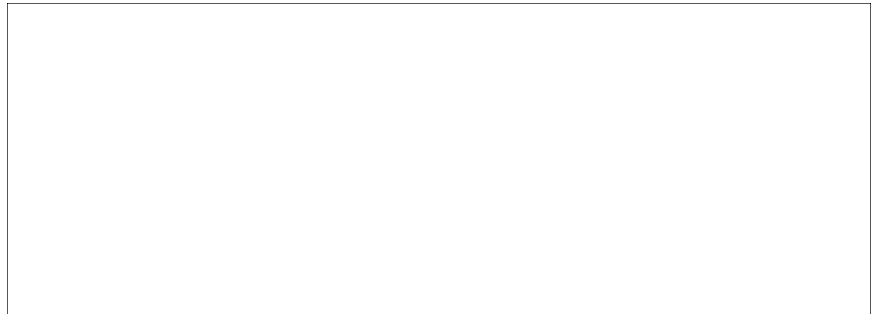
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday Service Schedule

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



Faithful to God, Responsive to People



YOUR SIDES WILL ACHE FROM BELLY LAUGHS!

Please join us Saturday evening July 17 for Old Time Movie Night. In our first feature, "WAY OUT WEST" (1937) Laurel and Hardy set out to deliver a mine deed to the daughter of a deceased miner and are tricked by crooked saloon owner James Finleyson into giving it to the wrong girl...his wife! This is one of the classic comedy team's best features in which we follow "The Boys" in their efforts to correct their mistake.

The laughs continue in our second feature, the wide-screen color classic "THE COURT JESTER" (1956), considered by many critics to be one of the best comedies ever made. Danny Kaye, a phony jester, finds himself involved in romance, court intrigue and a deadly joust with Basil Rathbone. Remember: "The pellet with the poison's in the vessel with the pestle." Don't miss this evening of comedy at it's best! Movies were made to be seen with a crowd, so feel free to invite ALL your friends and

neighbors. They won't regret it.

Doors open at 6:00pm, movies and FUN start at 6:30pm.

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

