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A TOUCHY, FEELY CHURCH?

A person or family living in a neighborhood can be a living parable. You watch how folk handle conflict, sorrow and celebrations...and you make mental notes. I remember hearing a husband/wife team tossing harsh words and an occasional cup or plate some years back. All of the promoting they did for their church family fell on deaf ears...at least mine. We live out our lives and our relationships before a jury of our peers, right? Paul noted that those who face disagreements with flying colors are much like stars in the night sky. Jesus would have said they are 'salty' folk.

When a visitor drops in on a Sunday morning, I can see their eyes panning the room. There are guitars here. And pews. The music is this or that. But what they'll take with them, after sitting through a service at our place, will definitely be a sense of family and unity. Almost every month I remark to our board that we need to really appreciate the unity that permeates our bunch. And it isn't because we are all good ole boys. New believers are scattered about the auditorium each week. Newcomers are there. Older folk who've been coming here for many decades are sprinkled among us.

And the warmth is tangible.

All of the evangelism you can muster will not mean much if a 'newby' steps into a church where rancor and friction are undercurrents. You've been there. You know what I mean. Yet a recent visitor commented how gathering with you was like coming to an oasis and a place of genuine peace. They plan to stay. We can't say enough about this. With all of my emphasis on creative evangelism, loving the flock is still a must. A person will say they felt the love of God, when they really felt a genuine embrace and heard truly welcoming words.

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My dad talks about how big his church has become...what, maybe 15,000 worshippers every week-end? But does a seasoned man get a hug there? Is anybody inviting him to lunch or to a seniors activity? Ask him the next time he's here. Not able to get out and fish for men? You still have plenty you can do...look around on a Sunday morning...and make your lovin' move.

All for hugs and words of welcome...




DEACONS CALL WORK DAY FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 14



On the second Saturday of each month the Deacons gather to take on chores that need to be done to keep our grounds and facility in good shape. We invite any men that might be available to come by at 9:00 a.m. to lend a hand. There is always a full list and we generally wrap things up by noon. Brad Fish

DEACONII CALL WORK DAY FOR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

The Deaconii are now looking to gather on the second Saturday of the month to address some of their concerns with the building. They invite any interested women of the church to drop by and lend a hand. Come by at 9:00 a.m. to be blessed with the opportunity to serve in this ministry. August is their first time so it is still experimental.

For the Deaconii...Brad Fish

SAINTS ALIVE...AND CHUCKLING!

We fill up the banquet room of the Iron Skillet every first-Saturday. The next such breakfast will be August 7. This has been going on for years. We show up before 9 a.m. with jokes and tall tales in tow (appetites too!). This used to be more for old-timers, but the word got out on much fun we have, so now those youngsters in their forties and fifties are in on the deal.

This is a marvelous place to get acquainted with the pillars of the church. No free breakfast by Jerry Moore, but the chow is well worth the price... including the Senior's menu.

Saturday, August 7, 9 a.m.

AUGUST 15 POTLUCK



BACK TO SCHOOL POTLUCK...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 always are allowed "cuts" to the front of the potluck line.

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, pencil crayons, and tissue) Additional ideas

needed: 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 basement August 1-15th.

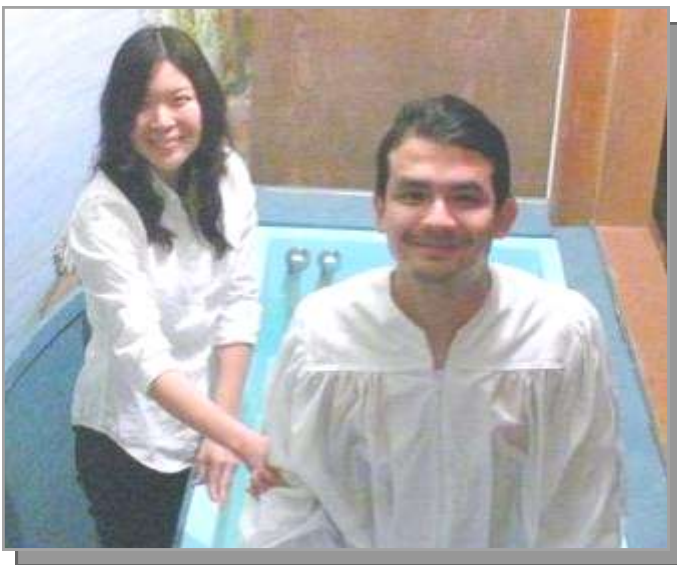
Each student and teacher at the potluck will have first choice of the donated items. Any leftovers will be given to a local school.

For our August food..., relax and bring your favorite "hot weather" items to share. (I wonder if peaches will be ripe by then.) We will eat, honor our scholars, visit together and enjoy our COOL fellowship hall (basement). Janice Stringer

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.

RÁUL VILLAGÓMEZ BAPTIZED BY VICKIE SON



What a wondrous moment. These longtime friends have not only a rich relationship, but now a beautiful spiritual connection as well. Vickie baptized Raúl on Sunday morning, July 25. His previous experience with religion had been more formal in nature. Raúl is stirred up inside, now that he is walking with Jesus. God bless you, young man. Great example, dear lady.

VICKIE HEADED TO PORTLAND

Vickie Son always said that God led her to our church. Within weeks of her first visit she was listening to the Three Stories (Abraham, Moses and Jesus). Soon she was wanting to be baptized. Since Easter of last year she has grown by leaps and bounds.



We celebrated her graduating from Southern Oregon University and winning those exciting honors. Now Vickie is headed to Portland, where she is enrolled in an art school. Her last Sunday here was magnificent. Please come back to visit, sister.

SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO TERRY

Terry and Kevin married just last month. While on a trip to visit Kevin's family in North Carolina Terry received news of her mother's passing. Our sympathy is extended to this new bride and her family. We love you, Terry.

JACKSON HOUSE

Eleanor Olson, Chaz Burke and Jim Larsen have a wonderful time each Tuesday. They lead the residents of Jackson House (an adult care facility) in worship, followed by a fine time of just chatting and getting acquainted. Jim plays the guitar. Chaz is popular as our harmonica player. Eleanor would play an electric keyboard if we could find one to be loaned or given for this ministry. Anybody out there have access to such an instrument? Call Jim at 541-890-3209, please.

ARBOR PLACE, STUFFED

When Gene and Janice were away at a family reunion I filled in at the Sunday afternoon service, leading some music and telling a Bible story. And I was amazed. The 'theatre' there at Arbor Place was filled to overflowing. The staff went looking for more chairs and everybody was full of anticipation. They had no idea I'd be the guy leading the

little service, so I tip my hat to the Stringers for developing this fine ministry.

TAKING FLIGHT TO BIBLE CAMP



Ed Macauley enlisted his plane to give our Middle School campers a thrill. Ed delivered Chris Macauley, Sean Rogers, Nathaniel Rogers and Isaac McDaniel to Cottage Grove. His parents picked the campers up and shuttled them to Grove Christian Camp, just down the road to Dorena. Thanks for using your craft and skills to bless these young guys. Welcome home, campers.



ROGUE RIDERS VISIT THE LARSEN PATIO

Blueberry pancakes and sausages will be served to all adults who stop by the Larsen home (114 Autumn Ridge Dr.) in Talent on Wednesday, August 18. There will be other vittles too. No need to bring anything. If you've never taken one of our Rogue Rider excursions, this is a good place to start. Arrive about 9 for brunch. Plan to stay for some table games and



a bit of chatting. Jim will give a slide show of his most recent trek to Peru. Please call ahead if you plan to attend so there will be ample provisions for all (541-890-3209).

Wednesday...August 18...Arrive 9-9:30...Brunch...

LJ, IN HAITI

As most of you read this month's newsletter LJ is working with a team of medical folk in Haiti, the recent victim of a major earthquake. She will be serving in a critical care unit and with a neo-natal crew as well. You remember that LJ and husband, Brian, recently graduated with Bachelor of Science degrees and are Registered Nurses. They look for as many experiences as they can to give them added training before selecting a mission field for future service.

REAL MEN KEEP ADDING TABLES

We pretty much take over the Old Farm House Restaurant on Monday mornings. Our numbers have grown in recent months. Breakfast usually requires a take-home box due to its huge portions. We are loved by the serving staff and the cooks...so another couple guys pose no problem. Come on by on Monday morning at 7:45.



BIBLE SCHOOL CLASS A HIT

What a fine time we have had this summer! Each week we've listened to an overview of the basic be-

liefs of various world religions. The intent has been to make us more aware of what is being taught at other worship places and to help us better interact with those unlike us when we have the opportunity. Thanks to Gene Stringer for facilitating this, and to the other elders (Doyle Cornwell and Michael Wing) for leading the discussion groups. Thanks as well to those who bring goodies for the light breakfast provided each week prior to class.

39PLUS...GAMES, STUDY AND LUNCH AT MARIE'S

It is what many of expect now...a fine first-Wednesday morning at Marie Hoffman's home. We pull out the dominoes, Skip-bo or Uno and watch the feathers fly. Really, we have a great time with the winner getting our best applause. Jim leads us in one of his studies, concluding in time for our high-noon lunch. It is always superb. Newcomers should not miss this. Bring a little something to share if you'd like. Otherwise Marie and Peggy Jensen will have prepared enough for all. Wednesday, August 4, 10 a.m. Marie lives at 61 N. Mountain Avenue in Ashland.



OUTDOOR BREAKFAST PICNIC...

AGAIN!

We do this every last-Saturday of the summer months. Since you should receive your newsletter in time to be warned of the July 'feed', please plan to join us on Saturday, July 31 and August 28. In July we'll serve eggs-to-order, hash browns, biscuits and gravy plus bacon. Of course there is the regular assortment of beverages...coffee, chocolate milk, milk, tea and juice. Bring a little something for the donation basket and \$4 for parking. Emigrant Lake...Cookers come at 8...Eaters arrive by 9...Latecomers? No guarantees!

NOTE TO 'OUT OF THE AREA' READERS

To those of you who live outside the Rogue Valley...

here are some sites you can peruse:

www.outsidethewalls.com

Here is a site which features our weekly ministry at Louie's Restaurant and Bar. Jim Larsen and David Bruce chew over issues of current interest. Each week-day we post a new episode for your consideration. Also, if you click on 'Free Contents', you can access dozens of Jim's PowerPoint sermons, delivered over the last few years. These are free for the taking...and they are downloaded all over the planet.

www.cc-Ashland.org

Here is our church website, it all of the usual data. Take a peek at old newsletters if you'd like. See what our congregation is up to.

JimLarsen.net

Here is Jim's personal website, including Jim's poems and articles and a bunch of photos. We are happy to offer these resources to you. Jim has produced some videos for his Northwest Christian University classes. Next month he'll give you the code for accessing some of these teaching tools.

REFLECTIONS ON JULY BOARD MEETING

PRESENT: Jerry Moore, Janie Moore, Emily Rogers, Irma Potter, Gene Stringer, Janice Stringer, Kay Killian, Ted Killian, Jim Larsen, Doyle Cornwell, Brad Fish and Mel Metcalf. Guests: Betty Tine Metcalf, Ernie Potter, Earl Rogers and Linda Cornwell.

We always open our monthly board meetings with Scripture and prayer. Gene shared from the Word and did the praying. Regarding finances, it was reported that with the transition still taking place, moving treasurer duties to Eleanor Olson, a complete 2010 report will be forthcoming, probably by the time of the August meeting. Jim gave his Minister's Report, celebrating the recent baptism of Spencer Humphrey. Jim first met Spencer when Brian Marlia-Larsen suggested we see if some leftovers from the Red Lion Restaurant might be available for our pizza ministry in Lithia Park (7 years ago). Spencer was an employee of the Red Lion and engaged in a Bible

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study with Jim. After all of these years...his baptism. There are other folk who are giving thought to making this same bold move. Jim congratulated Ed Macauley for volunteering to fly our Middle School boys to camp. How wonderful. There is a sweet spirit of unity in our congregation, it was noted, and this always needs to be appreciated.

The Elders reported that the new Sunday morning class is going very well. Each week we study a major world religion, mainly to educate our folk on the tenets of Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, LDS and Jehovah Witnesses. Following these presentations and discussion times we'll jump into a study of First Thessalonians to wrap up the summer. Interest is running high.

The deaconesses were flying high. Emily Rogers was welcomed to the board with a round of applause. The deaconesses had just enjoyed a retreat at the Stringer home (with all deaconesses in attendance) and were full of ideas for how they could better serve God and also enlist others to get on board. Their retreat was so special that they plan to have another such gathering in July. The entire board was touched by the enthusiasm and vision of this group of ladies.

The deacons reported on a successful work day and noted their intentions to schedule another day of loving labor in July. The deaconesses stated that a combined work day could be great fun, and productive as well.

The trustees reminded us that Vera Lashua included us in her will, and the amount we are to receive will become known in the upcoming weeks. We expressed gratitude that this dear lady made provision for her remaining assets to bless the congregation, even now when; she is in heaven. Thank you, Vera.

In the area of Christian Education, it was requested that we order some new material for Children's Church. Since this is a budgeted item, we agreed to have April Rudy go ahead and place the order for what she thinks is needed. Thanks, April.

Under old business, we all agreed that the new sidewalk alongside the church is just great. No more of those 'trip' spots. Also under old business, Jim is working to get a new bulletin board set up with photos

of those who are active in our church's life. Watch for this in the foyer. We are still hoping to beautify the church entry (foyer). It often gets a bit congested.

All in all, the board meeting was another uplifting gathering.

Jim



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 4 - David Ellis
- 7 - Evelyn Sayles
- 11 - Marie Hoffman
- 13 - Paul Creel
- 19 - Jennie Macauley
- 19 - Maryanne Rossini
- 20 - Dominic Hernandez
- 21 - Cielo Marlia-Larsen
- 22 - JD Maulsby
- 24 - Naomee Blore
- 25 - Jesse Vermillion
- 27 - Erich Tiller
- 28 - Nadine Christie



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 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

"JESUS, LORD OF ALL"						
"The Family of God"						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 12:30 PM Board Meeting	2 7:45 AM Men Alive-Old Farm House Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group	3 9:30 AM Piece Corps 7:00 PM Financial Peace University-Fellowship Hall	4 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Marie Hoffman's Home David Ellis, B'day	5	6	7 9:00 AM Saints Alive Breakfast - Iron Skillet Evelyn Sayles, B'day
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15 12:15 PM Potluck	16 7:45 AM Men Alive-Old Farm House Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group	17 9:30 AM Piece Corps 7:00 PM Financial Peace University-Fellowship Hall	18 9:00 AM Rognie Riders - Larsen Home - Brunch	19 Jennie Macaulay, B'day Maryanne Rossini, B'day	20 Dominic Hernandez, B'Day	21 6:30 PM Old Time Movie Night Cielo Marfa-Larsen, B'day
22 JD Mantisby B'day	23 7:45 AM Men Alive-Old Farm House Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group	24 9:30 AM Piece Corps 7:00 PM Financial Peace University-Fellowship Hall Naamee Blore, B'day	25 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Newsletter Folding Jesse Vermillion, B'day	26 Michael & Kathy Wing, Ann.	27 Erch Tiller, B'day	28 9:00 AM Summer Breakfast - Emigrant Lake Nadine Christie, B'day
29 6:00 PM 5th Sunday Variety Hour	30 7:45 AM Men Alive-Old Farm House Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group	31 9:30 AM Piece Corps 7:00 PM Financial Peace University-Fellowship Hall				

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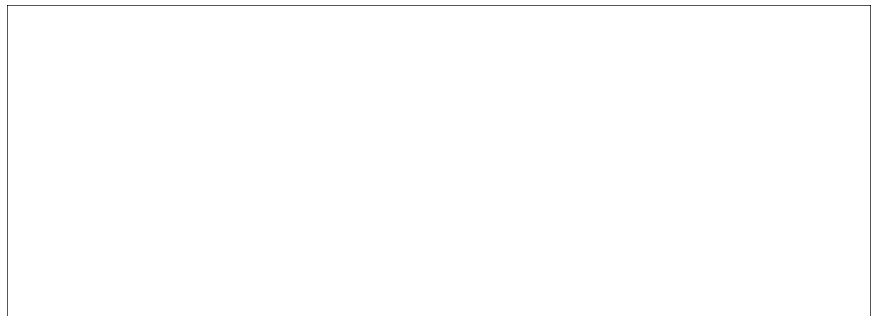
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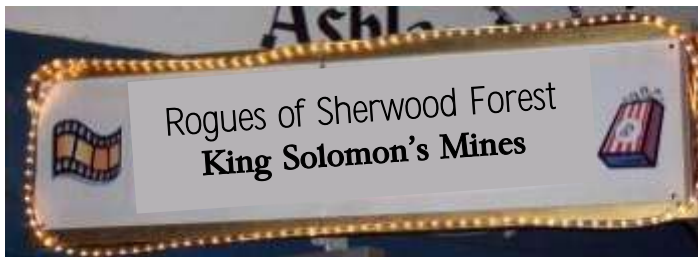
Sunday Service Schedule

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



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TECHNICOLOR THRILLS AND ROMANCE!

Good King Richard and Robin Hood are no more and John now reigns as King of England. Not good, friends! It's up to Robin's son and the regrouped Merry Men of Sherwood to put England's corrupted house in order. Magna Carta, anyone? It's Columbia's 1950 Technicolor extravaganza "**ROGUES OF SHERWOOD FOREST**" starring young matinee idol John Derek, as the son of Robin Hood, joined by Alan Hale, again playing Little John, as he did opposite both Douglas Fairbanks and Errol Flynn, first up on our OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT presentation of **Aug. 21, 2010**. Following is the 1950 MGM Technicolor adventure/romance classic "**KING SOLOMON'S MINES**." Stewart Granger and Deborah Kerr star in this tale of a White Hunter, disdainful of his clients, who is convinced to undertake one last safari in search of Henry Curtis who disappeared in the Dark Continent seeking the fabled lost mines of Solomon. What follows is one of the great adventure films of the 20th Century, actually filmed in Africa, and the winner of two Academy Awards. Of course, expect the usual surprises and fun! Tell your friends and neighbors, strangers on the

street, shout it from the rooftops! FREE family entertainment on Old Time Movie Night. See ya!!

...or whatever you think works....

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.

