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# CHURCH AT LOUIE'S BAR AND GRILL



I first started working on sermons at Louie's...oh, maybe six years ago. I'd always park myself at a table near the back of the joint where there were outlets to power my laptop computer.

Who'd have thought I'd become the unofficial chaplain? When Mark was the owner I'd pray for his ailing shoulder. Ken, the bartender came over and asked for prayers for his girlfriend whose father had passed away. There were plenty of times to give advice to other employees or just listen to their stories of pain or sorrow. When Brad was hired we conducted our weekly pow wows at Louie's. When David Bruce and I started holding strategy sessions Louie's seemed the natural place to hold court. A few years back David began taping our conversations and posting them on our website, [www.outsidethewalls.com](http://www.outsidethewalls.com). All over town and via email I'd hear from folk who had watched our chats.

A couple of months ago we began taping a 30-minute show which is now aired on channel 15 every Saturday at

5:30 p.m. At every Tuesday morning Rotary meeting I have people comment on seeing *Church at Louie's Bar and Grill*. Some people who had previously written church off are happy to listen to two Christian guys talk about pertinent issues in a public setting and they are mildly surprised that the setting is a bar. The program is as simple as that...David and me discussing the day's news and current issues from a spiritual point of view.

I never had this in mind when first totting my laptop to the downtown establishment. Going there was simply in keeping with my policy of finding every possible way to engage the community. Hiding out in my third floor office over at Second and B and playing solitaire with Sunday's visitor cards would not have produced the dozens of relationships we now enjoy. Perhaps the most amazing aspect of this adventure is the total absence of complaints from any of our church folk. Not one objection in all of these years!

There are quite a few folk who confess to looking for my weekly article in the Thursday edition of the Ashland Daily Tidings. Between Old Time Movie Night, the weekly column, our consistent presence at Louie's and now a

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weekly half hour television show, our congregation is becoming better known. Thanks for your support, encouragement and kind words. Jesus set the example for all of this, you know...the man who knew the highways and byways of Galilee and Jerusalem and who always had his eye out for people with a story.



## MONTHLY POTLUCK

Many, many thanks to Laurie Royer and Ava Fish for a superb decorating for our January third-Sunday event.

In February Linda Cornwell with assistance from Laurie Royer will be planning our **February 15th** Potluck. You won't want to miss this special time of good food and good fellowship. We'll keep the heat on for you.

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.*

## 39PLUS...A FINE OPPORTUNITY

On the first Wednesday of each month Marie Hoffman invites us to her home for games at 10, Bible Study at 11 and fine dining at noon. All adults are invited. Jim leads our study time and there is plenty of opportunity for questions and participation. Marie lives at 91 North Mountain Avenue in Ashland.

On the third Wednesday we always join the Rogue

Riders for their fun trips around the area.

February 25 will find us in Fellowship Hall folding the monthly newsletter at 10, then fitting in a few games and Bible study before our potluck lunch. Come join us and bring a dish to share if you'd like.

## ED CAMERON GRADUATES TO GLORY

Our hearts go out to Peggy Jensen, newcomer to our church family. Her father, Edwin William Cameron, recently passed away. Jim Larsen conducted Ed's graveside service on Tuesday, January 20, at Scenic Hills Memorial Park. May God grant you strength and consolation, Peggy.

## KLAMATH FALLS CONGREGATION



This fine group of believers has been meeting for a few years now. In similar fashion to the Early Church they meet from home to home with gladness. Most recently Cherry and Ross Wolf hosted the bunch and treated us to a baked potato bar. Plenty of vittles! Cherry is due to deliver their baby in March. Ross is flying about, having earned his private pilot license. Jim Witt purchased a four-wheeler and has been plowing snow from the neighbor's drive ways. Brandon Witt is back to school at the University of Oregon after Christmas break. The whole cadre is active, changing and serving. Meghan Lovell will host the new pow wow. I've offered to co-host the event. Little ones who were babies when this 'congregation' launched are now running all over the place. And recently we decided to do some more serious digging into the scriptures. A great move. So pray for these dear friends who meet, worship and



serve Christ...just over the Cascade Mountains in Klamath Falls. What a fine bunch they are. Jim Larsen

## SAINTS ALIVE, FEBRUARY 7



This group has really gotten into the swing of it. Great jokes and tales shared each month. The banquet room is usually packed and food is mighty fine. So who keeps you from joining us for a great light-hearted morning in February. See you (everybody welcome!) on Saturday, February 7, at 9 a.m. Find us at the Iron Skillet Restaurant in Phoenix (Oregon!).



## ROGUE RIDERS, FEBRUARY 18

A fine time was enjoyed by all of us in January. We loaded up in the church bus and landed at Tin Tin Buffet in Medford. In February our wagon master, Helen Jane Slack, has us headed for El Tapatio, now in their new location just south of Butler Ford in the North Ashland Professional Plaza. We will meet at the church parking lot at 11:00 a.m. and depart from there.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASS BEGINS FEBRUARY 15

Middle Schoolers are invited to attend the launching of their new class on Sunday morning (9:30) in an upstairs classroom. Jim Larsen will be the lead teacher with Kay Killian subbing and providing good counsel to Jim. In addition to these Sunday sessions we'll be meeting at other times for lessons in canoe paddling, omelet making, wood working, Dutch oven cooking and other skills. Expect serious study, fun times as well as service projects.

How about it? Ready to jump in? See you on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Expect some pastries, fruit and a beverage.

## ANNUAL MEETING SLATED FOR APRIL 16



Michael Wing has accepted our invitation to bring a music group from St. Mary's High School to add inspiration and listening enjoyment to our annual meeting in April. Please save this date and plan to attend the brief annual meeting and concert. More later, of course.

## REAL MEN POW WOW AT ANNIE'S

Little Cielo loves the Monday morning chat and chew at the down home restaurant in Phoenix (Oregon!). On Sunday night I ask him where we'll be headed when we wake up in the morning. His answer is quick and precise: Annie's restaurant for pancakes and chocolate milk. And I'm delighted to have him hang out with the likes of Gene, Mel,

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Rick, Jerry, Hal, Daryl and even his grandpa Jim. I'm glad he'll grow up with a fine Christian father and under the watchful, helpful eyes of men like the Annie's bunch. Bible lay open on the table, next to fine vittles. Prayers are offered and gentlemen wrestle with difficult texts in search of life-changing truth. Two year old Cielo Nefesh Marlia-Larsen is a welcome part of this cadre. He's hearing real men discuss vital matters in a public place, pray aloud, shake hands and embrace one another and him. Could we ask for anything better for a young sprig to grow up in the shadow of such swell guys? Join him on Mondays, Annie's, Phoenix (Oregon) at 7:45 a.m.



## NEW MINI-WORSHIP SERVICE AT JACKSON HOUSE IN TALENT

You know of Gene and Janice Stringer's faithfulness in leading a Sunday afternoon worship time at Arbor Place in Medford. Now Karen and I are following in their footsteps, launching a Tuesday afternoon singing/study/fellowship hour at Jackson House, an assisted living place within walking distance of our home. In time we'd like to invite others to help with this. First we'll get a feel for what is needed, how we can help and how additional volunteers can be of service. If interested, just watch for updates, please. Jim Larsen

## FEBRUARY LUNCH BUNCH

Come join us for Sweet Fellowship on **Tuesday, February 10th at 12:00noon.** We will be meeting at the home of Betty Tine Metcalf - 1968 Alamar Street, Medford. She will need to know if you plan to be there. So, give her a call at 779-5357, or tell her at church.

Come join a Sweet group of ladies for lunch on Tuesday, February 10th.

## BUDDYTIME...MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE



In December of 2007 I walked a Peruvian beach with my longtime partner in ministry, John Hendee. I journey to South America at least once a year as the Director of Biblical Studies for Project New Hope International. But as we spoke over the din of breaking waves our energized conversation focused on engaging non-church people in compassion campaigns. Over the decades we have had our annual retreat below the equator in Chile and Peru. Other times we've taking fishing trips or camped in solitary places, always emerging from our spiritual mountain top with ideas which have changed the course of our lives. BuddyTime was birthed on the beach just north of Trujillo. It functions mainly in North America.

BuddyTime has three components: Camaraderie, Character Conversations and Compassionate Action. Usually BuddyTime is a weekly or bi-weekly gathering, including most any mix of people...men, women, children. Friends, neighbors, co-workers, family members, church members...any combo works. Church people, agnostics, atheists...y'all come. A few minutes are spent catching up with one another, then, using an article downloaded from my website, [www.BuddyTime.org](http://www.BuddyTime.org), the group discusses a character trait such as 'service', 'compassion' or 'availability. Finally, the confab is wrapped up by working out the details of the group's 5-7 week service project.

In addition to the local compassionate action plan everyone is asked to consider traveling to South America for the annual Rendezvous in Peru. This

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year the 'work like a dog, sleep like a baby' expedition is slated for July 10-18. If one person in the group can manage the time away the others may chip in or plan fund-raising events to gather the dollars to cover their travel and lodging expenses.

I write all of this because I am jazzed about making the world a better place. Here is an opportunity for folk to develop wonderful relationships and get their hands dirty in helping the needy both here and on the other side of the equator. Then too, I plan to attend a few conferences and conventions this year in promoting this visionary ministry. If you twist my arm perhaps I'll tell you how you can start a BuddyTime crew. In the mean time, please pray for me and others around the West who have gotten on board.

Your Buddy, Jim Larsen

## GETTLING FAMILY SENDS NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Jim, thanks so much for the beautiful service for Mary-Lou. It represented her perfectly. Also, many, many thanks for the use of your Fellowship Hall for the reception after the time at the cemetery. It's nice to know that there are neighbors as caring as you and your church family. Thanks to Janice and Karen for their kind service. The Family of Mary Lou Gettling

## ASHLAND PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER HOUSED IN OUR CHURCH

Just a reminder that very important services are offered to our community through the pregnancy center which is stationed in our church building. They would like to some day have their own facility, but

what a joy it is to offer a ground level office which has easy access as well as it's own restroom. God bless you dear friends. Providing education and support to pregnant ladies is so valuable. Also your offering parenting tools must certainly be appreciated by young moms. Keep it up!

## TWO ADULT CLASSES TAUGHT BY VETERANS

Every Sunday our adults have the choice of two exceptional learning and growing opportunities. In Fellowship Hall Gene Stringer walks his class through the book of Genesis, via an innovative course entitled Torah. Come on by. The 9:30 a.m. class enjoys coffee and pastries, plus fine fellowship. Upstairs in the church Library Michael Wing is working his way through the book of Proverbs. Every chapter is brimming with great instruction for wise living. The library class also meets at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays and is open to all adults...younger and older.

## LADIES PRAYER TIME

All ladies are invited to join Julie Hamilton and the deaconesses in a time of prayer beginning Sunday, February 8th. Come prepared to share your heart in regard to what you see unfolding in the months ahead in regard to women's ministries in the church. The main emphasis of this time will be presenting our thoughts to our Heavenly Father and seeking his guidance for what best ministers to women in our congregation and what will best serve the body as a whole. See Julie for details on time and location on Sunday morning.

## AHS MUSIC RECITAL

The Ashland High School Music Department is planning a recital on **Sunday, February 22, at 3:00 PM.** The recital would involve several of our AHS student musicians who are preparing solos and ensembles for our District and State competitions. Our Music staff feels it is important for the musicians to perform in a new and "strange" venue prior to performing at the competition.

This will provide a nice afternoon of music for your

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members.

Gerry Pare', Director of Orchestras at AHS

*Note: Brad and some fellow SOU students from his Video Production 372 class will be taping the performances for RVTV and class credit.*

## MONTHLY DEACONESS MEETING

The last Sunday of each month the Deaconesses will meet in the Volunteer Office fifteen minutes after our Sunday Morning Worship. If you have questions contact Janice Stringer.

## THANK YOU FROM THE SLACK FAMILY

Karl and Helen Jane Slack send a big Thank You to who sent cards and well wishes for their 50th Anniversary and for Helen Jane's recovery from her fall at the Anniversary celebration.

## ANOTHER BIG THANK YOU

Another Big Thank You goes out to the Killian, Larsen, and Royer families for their support and assistance during Movie Night. Thanks also to all the others that make the night possible. Thank you to Jerry and Janie Moore (when they are not in Arizona).



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Velma Johnson
- 2 - Jenny Acery
- 4 - Christa Phillips
- 7 - Angie Vermillion
- 7 - Frank Loyd
- 12 - Jessica Witt
- 15 - Emily McKinney
- 15 - Marie Ellis
- 16 - William Doods
- 19 - Dona Heath
- 21 - Kecia Collins
- 24 - Lila Dotson
- 1 - Ella Rose Wilson



## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 - Jim & Velma Johnson
- 18 - Jim & Angie Vermillion

*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 Velma Johnson, B'day	2 7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe 2:00 PM Ladies Monday Afternoon Bible Study Henry Assey, B'day Groundhog Day	3 9:30 AM Piece Corps	4 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Marie Hoffman's Home Christa Phillips, B'day	5	6	7 9:00 AM Saints Alive Breakfast - Iron Skillet Angie Vermillion, B'day Frank Loyd, B'day
8 9:00 AM Ladies Minist- ry Mtg 12:30 PM Board Meeting	9 7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe 2:00 PM Ladies Monday Afternoon Bible Study	10 9:30 AM Piece Corps 12:00 PM Ladies Lunch Bunch	11	12 Jessica Wit, B'day Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentine's Day Jim & Velma Johnson, Ann
15 12:15 PM Potluck Emily McKinney, B'day Marie Ellis, B'day	16 7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe 2:00 PM Ladies Monday Afternoon Bible Study President's Day William Dooms, B'day	17 9:30 AM Piece Corps	18 11:00 AM Rogue Riders - El Tapatio Jim & Angie Vermillion, Ann	19 Dona Heath, B'day	20	21 6:30 PM Old Time Movie Night Kecia Collins B'day
22 12:30 PM Deaconess Meeting - Volunteer Office Washington's Birthday	23 7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe 2:00 PM Ladies Monday Afternoon Bible Study	24 9:30 AM Piece Corps Lila Dotson, B'day	25 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Newsletter Folding	26	27	28 Ella Rose Wilson, B'day

January

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10:30 AM Discovery Club  
10:45 AM Worship

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### OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT... STILL GROWING!

Mike Royer's film selections must be resonating with plenty of people in the community. They filled our place in January to watch W.C. Fields, Gracie Allen, George Burns and plenty of other stars. What's on tap for February, Mr. Royer?

Wow! An evening of Technicolor glittering song-and-dance and swashbuckling high-seas adventure awaits all who attend Old Time Movie Night **Saturday evening February 21, 2009**. We kick off the evening with the sparkling 1941 musical "MOON OVER MIAMI" starring Betty Grable, Don Ameche and Bob Cummings. The fun continues with Tyrone

Power, Maureen O'Hara and George Sanders in 1942's "THE BLACK SWAN", a tale of pirates, intrigue, a maiden in distress and the dramatic clash of swords. There'll be the usual drive-in intermission ads and maybe a surprise or two between the features. Please join us for these two classic color films! "Avast, me hearties!"

*Join us for the fun. Snack bar opens at 6 pm. First movie starts at 6:30 pm.*

