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CHURCH WITH AN AGENDA

In trying times it is easy to slip from being 'on purpose' to merely surviving. Family finances impact church finances. Church finances tend to impact our congregation's focus. Every single church I know of is hurting. Staff members are let go. Mission support is trimmed. Programs are down-sized. Recent offering totals have us seeing red. We, too, are having to rethink everything that has a dollar sign attached.

I write this partly to keep you alerted. But what is really on my mind is the same old story you hear from this preacher so often...intentionality. We exist in Ashland, Oregon, for a purpose. We have an angle...an agenda. It is no secret that our place in this town and this valley is quite simply that of impacting lives for Christ. Look through this month's newsletter and it should be abundantly clear...our aim is to help people into God's family and to help them grow in spiritual maturity.

The new Middle School class will focus on Bible study on Sundays and life skills throughout the month. Our folk don't just attend 39PLUS or the Real Men Monday Breakfast for fun. We encourage you to invite a friend. Our new television program, Church at Louie's Bar and Grill, has the goal of

exposing our congregation's intention to engage the community. My own involvement with the fledgling congregation in Klamath Falls is all about helping young couples put (and keep) their feet on the Jesus Trail. A sizeable chunk of our church's monthly income is sent to missionaries all over the globe. All of this is to say that we must take serious steps regarding money matters...without ever neglecting our role as Christ's ambassadors to floundering, drowning humans all about us.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gene".



39PLUS...WALK-INS WELCOME

On Wednesday, March 4, we'll gather at Marie Hoffman's home for feisty table games, followed by Bible study and finally, lunch. Drop in at Marie's (91 North Mountain Ave.) at 10.

Although we won't meet on the 11th, please join Rogue Riders on March 18. Newsletter folding happens at 10 a.m. on March 25. Come on down to Fellowship Hall and give us a hand so we can move on to cut-throat games and Bible study prior to a potluck lunch.

NELLIE CREEL...ON TO GLORY

Our congregation joins hundreds of folk who extend our sympathy to Paul Creel and his family at the passing of his beloved wife, Nellie. Nellie collapsed on Sunday, February 15, and never regained consciousness. She went to be with the Lord on Thursday, February 19. A graveside service was held at Mountain View Cemetery in Ashland. May God be your mighty comforter, Paul and family.



OUR SYMPATHY TO SYBIL AND JOYCE

At this writing Sybil Laredo and Joyce LaVelle are on the East Coast tending to family following the passing of Sybil's brother who is Joyce's father. In phone conversations with Sybil she expressed thanks for our prayers and support. She also reflected on Joyce's strength and loving care for others in this time of deep loss. God bless you, ladies.

Jim Larsen

ROGUE RIDERS

Our newest trail mate is Jay Garrison, Karen Larsen's father. He expressed kudos to El Tapatio for authentic Mexican food. Our guide as always is Helen Jane Slack. HJ is keeping an eye on the weather in March and will let us know when the time gets closer as to the destination of our March trek. Watch the bulletins on Sundays for details as

they are finalized. Plan on bring a friend, please!

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS CLASS...

I'm overjoyed by the number of volunteers to wish to assist in this new ministry to Middle Schoolers. A chef from the Red Lion Restaurant is eager to help our young ones cook up some amazing chow. We have a standing offer from Gene Stringer to do some training in wood work. I'm ready to teach them some basic canoe strokes. Earl Rogers is prepared to pass on some camping and survival skills. I'll also enlist this new cadre of young people to help with the four Outdoor Breakfasts during the summer months. And how about this...Michael Royer, who designed the official Pooh, has pencil in hand, waiting to teach us to draw Disney characters. Of course the Sunday morning class provides teaching in the Bible. Jim Larsen, teacher

MONTHLY POTLUCK



Many, many thanks to Linda Cornwell and Laurie Royer for a superb decorating for our February Potluck..

Julie Hamilton is our March Potluck Hostess. She invites everyone to participate in this wonderful time of food and fellowship. What a great time to relax and enjoy getting caught up with old friends and getting to know new ones.

You won't want to miss this special time of good food and good fellowship, **Sunday, March 15** fol-

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lowing our morning worship

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.

LUNCH BUNCH

Helen Jane Slack is our March Ladies Lunch Bunch Hostess. Current plans are to gather in the Fellowship Hall at Noon on Tuesday, March 10th for a potluck fellowship time. Contact Helen Jane at 482-8225 to let her know you are coming and see what's needed.

LADIES PRAYER TIME

All ladies are invited to join Julie Hamilton and the deaconesses in a time of prayer Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 9:25 in the Volunteer Office. 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.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies Monday Afternoon Bible Study takes place at Ruby Balbo's home, 2833 Alameda in Medford Mondays at 2:00 p.m. They are using **Life Lessons: Book of Luke** by author Max Lucado. If you have any questions or would like to join in please contact Nyla Fenning at 535-3854.



REAL MEN KEEP ON MEETING AT ANNIE'S

These guys show up rain or shine. It's coffee, break-

fast, fellowship and a study taken from the Lookout magazine. Jim Larsen will pay for firsttimers breakfast until Jerry Moore returns from his Arizona hideout sometime in March. Come on down to Annie's in Phoenix (Oregon!) on Mondays at 9 a.m.

THOSE SAINTS ARE LIVELY



Its that time again...breakfast at the Iron Skillet in Phoenix (Oregon !) on Saturday, March 7. Better show up early, friend, since we pretty much fill the banquet room every month. The jokes start filling the air at 9 a.m. sharp, then we are off to the ample Breakfast Buffet...or ordering from the menu. Newcomers are welcome for sure! All ages welcome, although this is sponsored by our seniors.

CHURCH AT LOUIE'S BAR AND GRILL



We are getting good reviews for this 28-minute television program. Air time is Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. on cable channel 15, RVTv.

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Coming up on Friday, March 20th from 6 to 8 p.m. on channels 9 and 15 will be the annual CAT (Community Access Television) Awards. You can vote for your favorite program, such as: "Church at Louie's Bar & Grill" and for your favorite producer, such as: "David Bruce & Bradford Fish—Church at Louie's Bar and Grill" by going to:

www.roguetv.org/Page.asp?NavID=33

Just fill out and email the ballot in. Our own Brad Fish has been asked to be one of the presenters at the CAT Awards that night. We would appreciate your vote.

Beginning with the episode recorded Tuesday, February 24th we will again be posting the short versions of Church @ Louie's at www.outsidethewalls.com where they can be viewed anytime. We will be using new technology that will improve the quality and allow anyone to add their favorite episodes to their own webpage or blog. The first new episodes should be up by the first week in March. Let us know what you think.

VARIETY HOUR...SUNDAY, MARCH 29

Who would have guessed that this quarterly event would draw so much interest!? It's a great time to show your stuff...



singing, playing an instrument, reading a poem or a favorite scripture. Tell a story or read a favorite bit of prose. Everett Cade will be at the piano as Gene



Stringer leads us in singing old favorites from the hymnal. A dessert time will follow in Fellowship Hall. Sunday, March 29, 6 p.m.

KLAMATH FALLS CONGREGATION... FRIENDS OF FAITH



They meet from house to house with gladness. Recently our little family of believers embarked on a study of Philippians...how appropriate since it is called the Joy Epistle. Thanks to the mission committee for helping me with gasoline expenses for the trek over the Cascades. Jim Larsen

DEACONESS MEETING

The Deaconesses will hold their monthly meeting following Sunday morning service on Sunday, March 22nd in the Volunteer Office. This is now regularly scheduled on the 4th Sunday of each month.. All Deaconesses please make plans to attend. Contact Janice Stringer if you have any questions.

"The way to happiness: Keep your heart free from hate, your mind from worry.

Live simply, expect little, give much.

Scatter sunshine.

Forget self, think of others.

Try this for a week and you will be surprised."

Norman Vincent Peal

Special Guest: Aaron Couch



Aaron Couch is one of the founding pastors of Real Life Ministries in Post Falls, ID. Real Life began in 1998 and witnessed amazing growth. It was the fastest growing church in the country from 2002-2006, growing to a current average weekly attendance of over 7,000 people.

In 2006, Aaron became the founding pastor of a new Real Life community in Moscow, ID. They have seen explosive growth already, with an Easter attendance of over 700 people.

Currently, Aaron travels all over the country working with churches and Para church organizations helping in the areas of discipleship and leadership development. He disciples and coaches Pastors in 8 states and is highly sought after as a conference speaker.

We are honored to have him come to our 2009 men's retreat and pray you will join us this year as we find balance together.

Workshop Titles

- ***Maintaining Balance: "Cultivating Your Spiritual Life"***
Justin McMurdie, Sr. Pastor - Drain Church of Christ
- ***"Raising Godly, Balanced Children"***
Rusty Emel, Elder and High School Leader - Drain Church of Christ
- ***Every Man's Battle: "Keeping Your Balance as You Battle Sexual Temptation"***
Alan Walker, Sr. Pastor - Yoncalla Church of Christ
- ***A Balanced Heart: "Cultivating Real Love in Your Relationships and Your Life"***
Aaron Earlywine, Sr. Pastor - Church of Christ at Sixth & Gibbs

More workshops to come, a complete list will be available at the retreat and on our website at www.grovechristiancamp.org as they become available.



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GROVE CHRISTIAN CAMP - MEN'S RETREAT

On **March 13-15** Grove Christian Camp will be hosting a Men's Retreat with special Guest Aaron Couch. Aaron Couch is one of the founding pastors of Real Life Ministries in Post Falls, ID.

Hey guys, I'm interested in journeying to Cottage Grove for the annual Men's Retreat at Grove Camp. Anybody want to join me? Give me a call so we can discuss transportation, costs and such.

Jim Larsen-890-3209

ASHLAND DAILY TIDINGS AD

Keep an eye out for Jim's article in the Thursday edition of the Ashland Daily Tidings.



Dr. Jim
Larsen,
Pastor

THE FORGOTTEN AGED

We have some seniors in our congregation and I love them. They are walking wisdom for sure. I like the many things that we have planned for folk of retirement age...recreation, Bible study, dining together and such. If you have a longing for some rich fellowship, how about coming by some Sunday. Let's get acquainted? Need a ride? Give me a call...890-3209. Let's talk.

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS-(MISSED)

- 28 - Nathaniel Rogers
- 28 - Sean Rogers

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - Karen Larsen
- 7 - Ernest Potter
- 10 - Desire' Vellinga
- 13 - Vera Lashua (98)
- 14 - Matt Wing
- 14 - Irvin Jace Smith
- 26 - Corey McDonald
- 26 - Irma Potter
- 27 - Brad Fish
- 27 - Frieda Fuller
- 27- Matt Sutton



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 - Jerry and Janie Moore
- 17 - JD and Bonnie Maulsby
- 30 - Bill and Jean Doods
- 30 - Ernie and Irma Potter

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 9:00 AM Ladies Ministry Mtg 12:30 PM Board Meeting Daylight Savings--set ahead 1 hour	2 7:45 AM Men Alive--Annie's Cafe 2:00 PM Ladies Monday Afternoon Bible Study	3 9:30 AM Piece Corps Karen Larsen, B'day	4 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Marie Hoffman's Home 7:00 PM Financial Peace University-Fellowship Hall	5	6	7 9:00 AM Saints Alive Breakfast - Iron Skillet Ernest Potter, B'day
8 9:00 AM Ladies Ministry Mtg 12:30 PM Board Meeting Daylight Savings--set ahead 1 hour	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 Desire Vellings, B'day	11 7:00 PM Financial Peace University-Fellowship Hall	12	13 Vera Lashua, B'day	14 Matt Wing, B'day Irvin Jace Smith, B'day Jerry & Janie Moore, Ann
15 12:15 PM Potluck	16 7:45 AM Men Alive--Annie's Cafe 2:00 PM Ladies Monday Afternoon Bible Study	17 9:30 AM Piece Corps JD & Bonnie Mousley, Ann St. Patrick's Day	18 11:00 AM Rogue Riders 7:00 PM Financial Peace University-Fellowship Hall	19	20	21 6:30 PM Old Time Movie Night
22 12:30 PM Deaconess Meeting - Volunteer Office	23 7:45 AM Men Alive--Annie's Cafe 2:00 PM Ladies Monday Afternoon Bible Study	24 9:30 AM Piece Corps	25 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Newsletter Folding 7:00 PM Financial Peace University-Fellowship Hall	26 Corey Mc Donald, B'day Imma Potter, B'day	27 Brad Fish, B'day Frieda Fuller, B'day Matt Sutton, B'day	28
29	30 7:45 AM Men Alive--Annie's Cafe 2:00 PM Ladies Monday Afternoon Bible Study Bill & Jean Dooms, Ann Ernie & Imma Potter, Ann	31 9:30 AM Piece Corps				

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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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ment only to find that the Civil War has been over for a month and now they will be branded common bandits. This exciting, suspense-filled Technicolor western also features Lee Marvin and Donna Reed. Of course we'll have the usual surprise or two. Saddle up for our evening of family fun March 21.

Join us for the fun.

*Snack bar opens at 6 pm.
First movie starts at 6:30 pm.*

OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT... MARCH 21, 2009

We've got fun and excitement lined up for our March 21 OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT.

First off we join former bootlegger Edward G. Robinson who leaves Chicago for Santa Barbara, California to "Mingle with the upper classes" where he is met by swindlers and gold-diggers and a desire to play polo(!?). It's a 1933 gem that gave Robinson his first chance at comedy in "**THE LITTLE GIANT**."

Next up is 1952's "**HANGMAN'S KNOT**" starring Randolph Scott as the leader of a small band of Confederate soldiers who ambush a Union gold ship-

