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A HOLY STIRRING

The matter was settled. Joseph's son had stirred up a mess of trouble with his bizarre claims but now he is tucked away in a burial cave. Friends and followers collapsed in despair and all of heaven wept. But on Sunday morning, while Jerusalem slept, Jesus began to stir. Then the *rock* moved. In time the world would be moved by the news and implications of sudden graveyard stirrings.



That Good News is the essence of the Gospel. All of Jesus' claims and promises hinged on this most-important-weekend of human history. Had he really stepped from eternity into time? Was he qualified to offer Guest Passes to heaven? The acid test pertained to his audacious claim to join the dead in their sleep then step back into the land of the living. There were plenty of witnesses to testify that he had been stone dead. Yet a few days later others would contradict that

report by telling of what they saw...a once-again-living Jesus.

And you...somewhere along the way you caught wind of this startling story...a dead man walking. So far removed from the alleged event we may have trouble amassing enough faith to publicly profess our belief. As for me...I fully believe the Big Story. I've put all of my eggs in this Easter basket. I believe that he made the divine descent from the corridors of heaven to the dusty roads of Palestine. Yes. And he lived a sinless life before being impaled on a wooden cross. Would you confess your certainly... that there was no cave deep enough or Roman seal imposing enough to contain him. Jesus' emergence from the tomb didn't make him the King or the Messiah. That big miracle simply revealed that he was what he had claimed all along. As a young man I identified with his death, burial and resurrection. The preacher plunged me into a watery grave pulled me back out, mimicking the dying and rising of Jesus. I urge you to do the same.

This is the message which you'll re-hear on Easter morning. What better time to bring a friend who would do well to join you on the Jesus Trail. Come early for Easter Breakfast and pray for open hearts during the wor-

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ship hour. Perhaps God's spirit will move in the lives of many in our presence on that fine day. The same power that acted on the dead body of Jesus is available to bring new life to any who will let the Gospel do its astounding work today.




Note: Please use the sign-up sheet in the church foyer if you will bring a pie or ice cream on the 16th.



ROGUE RIDERS! GET ON BOARD!

Helen Jane has a special treat planned for a special day. On Thursday, April 9th we will be taking the church bus from the parking lot and heading to Grants Pass for lunch followed by a visit to "Messiah's Mansion", a Life-Size Replica of the Ancient Hebrew Tabernacle. The traveling exhibit is operated by the staff and students of Oklahoma Academy in Harrah, Oklahoma and has been in operation since 2003. Meet at the church parking lot at 10:00 a.m. and we will be on our way. Brochures are available for more info or www.gpsanctuary.com.

39PLUS IN FOR ANOTHER DANDY MONTH

- No foolin'...Marie Hoffman invites us to her home (61 N. Mountain) for our April 1 meeting. Games at 10, Bible Study at 11 and Lunch at noon. All adults welcome!
- No meeting on April 8 but we'll join the Rogue Riders for the excursion on April 9 (special day).
- Wednesday, April 29, will find us in Fellowship Hall folding the Newsletter (10 a.m.), digging into the Bible, then enjoying the Potluck at noon. This is our big event of the month so come join the fun, discovering fine vittles.

GARDEN PROJECT

Brian and Lori Jo Marlia-Larsen are spearheading a ministry to bring hearts and hands together as gardeners. Perhaps you have a patch of ground that could be turned into a garden? Or maybe you have skills in this area...preparing soil, planting, tending or harvesting? Here is an opportunity to spend special hours laboring side by side with other church folk, neighbors and friends. We'll raise produce to share with each other and those in need of our fruit and vegetables. Take a look at the information sheet in the church foyer and register our intent to participate. More as plan take shape!

ANNUAL MEETING AND ST. MARY'S CONCERT... APRIL 16



It's that special time of the year...leadership selection. Join the rest of the church family in Fellowship Hall where we will cast our ballots for those who will serve as Elders, Deacons, Deaconesses, Trustees, as well as Church Treasurer. Hear a brief summary of how church leaders lead here at the Christian Church of Ashland.

Following the 6:30 p.m. annual meeting we'll move to the auditorium to enjoy a concert by St. Mary's Jazz Band and the Concert Choir at 7. We've requested their dynamic performances for many years now and the result has always been inspiring.

The evening will wrap up with a Pie/Ice Cream social in Fellowship Hall. Let's have a great turnout for this important night.



MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP JUNE 28-JULY 3

I've agreed to be the evening speaker at camp mainly because I teach the Middle School class and hope each of my students will plan to attend this mid-summer amazing week. Our theme is "Seriously Ridiculous". We'll look at seriously ridiculous Power, Love, Responses and Lives. So gang, let's plan to get registered. This early notice is to encourage you to write it on your calendar: Camp...June 28-July 3.

Jim Larsen

SAINTS ALIVE...APRIL 4

Thirty eight of us packed the banquet room at The Iron Skillet last month. We turned out in force to honor Ernie Potters on his birthday. The Stringer kids and their kids made the journey to wish this fine man a wonderful day. How about a repeat of such fun, laughter, fellowship and early eating on Saturday, April 4. Everybody welcome! Iron Skillet...Phoenix (Oregon!)...9 a.m.

REAL MEN MEET AT KING'S (FORMERLY ANNIE'S)



We're not he-men or the like. We are just guys who trust each other and are free to be 'real'. If that sounds appealing to you come on by.

Jerry Moore will be back from hiding out in Arizona and will by first-timers their breakfast (must bring this ad to qualify). The menu is ample and servings too. So pull on into King's (still has the Annie's sign) for Bible study and solid fellowship. Mondays at 7:45 a.m.

LADIES PRAYER TIME

Julie Hamilton reminds us that all ladies are invited to a prayer time each Sunday morning at 9 a.m. in the volunteer office just off of Fellowship Hall. She notes that if you arrive after 9 it's okay to come on in.

CHURCH AT LOUIE'S BAR AND GRILL, ON TELEVISION

Recently a family began attending our Sunday services after watching an episode of Church At Louie's Bar and Grill. They were happy to see a church operating 'outside the walls' and plan to connect with our church family. You can catch the program on RVTV on Saturdays, channel 15 at 5:30 p.m. You can also watch shorter segments (about 5 minutes each) at www.outsidethewalls.com

KLAMATH FALLS

A big event is planned for April 5. Our Klamath Falls group (Friends of Faith) will be celebrating Jim's birth-

day with a steak dinner. Each of our clan is hoping to invite a friend. Pray for this superb combo of young (mostly) adults and



kids. The study of Philippians is going well. Thanks to Jim and Robin Witt, two of the founding members, who join us on a March Sunday recently.

STRINGERS CELEBRATE ARRIVAL OF NEW GRANDDAUGHTER

Big sister Evelyn, mom Genice and baby sister Violet Pearl pose for daddy Sam. Violet was born March 12th. Violet's Great Grand-



parents are Ernie and Irma Pearl and her Grandparents are Gene and Janice. Thank you Lord for the miracle of birth and especially for Violet.



MIDDLE SCHOOL OUTING

Our first class outing for the Middle School boys took place at Emigrant Lake. Thanks for Ed McCauley for providing plenty of treats even though son Chris had to

skip the event because of that ugly flu bug. Jim Larsen treated us to hot chocolate and the Rogers twins brought everything else. We enjoyed watching Canadian Geese, played some wacky golf and walked the shore of Emigrant Lake. A good time indeed! Where to next?!

EASTER BREAKFAST...SERVED 8:45 THROUGH 10:15



A buffet of pancakes, waffles, scrambled eggs, sausage and gravy will be served on Easter Sunday. Okay we'll include fruit and juice too. If you plan on attending one of the Bible school classes come a bit early...after 8:45. Others will be served as late as 10:15, giving you a half hour till the start of worship.

Bring a few dollars if you'd like since there will be a donation basket. Not required.

Here's a great opportunity to introduce your guest to CCOA hospitality, good vittles and your church family.

KAREN'S GRATITUDE

Following my recent surgery I was flooded with flowers, cards, calls, food for my family and wonder-

ful visits at the hospital and home. Thank you all for such precious expressions of love and care. You are a great family! Thank you, thank you. Karen Larsen

THE FLOWERING CROSS...EASTER SUNDAY

It has become a beautiful tradition here...the flowering cross. Bring plenty of cut flowers to place on the large cross which will stand at the front of the sanctuary. During the designated time everyone will be invited to come forward to turn this instrument of horror and shame into something glorious. That's what Jesus did. The cruel Roman cross became a place of amazing grace and love divine. If you have access to some bunches of flowers please bring them with you for others to share.



WORK DAY, GUYS?

Our deacons are planning a 'get ready for Easter' work day at the church on Saturday, April 11. If you'd like to join in just come by between 9:00 a.m. and noon. There will be coffee and pastries on hand. There'll be lawn mowing, edging, flower bed tidying, window washing and anything else to help spruce up the church for our Easter Celebration. Come on down!

VARIETY HOUR...SUNDAY, MARCH 29

It'll be another evening of sharing the wealth. Some of our number will sing. Others will want to read or tell a story. Perhaps you'll hear a poem or see a skit. Along the way Gene Stringer will assist in singing some of those great songs from our hymnals. Everett Cade, pianist extraordinaire, will accompany at the Steinway. It's not too late to sign up to share your talent, or to request the inclusion of a particular hymn or volunteer to bring some desert for the social hour to follow.

Remember...Variety Hour...Sunday Evening...

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March 29...6 pm...Dessert to follow

CONGRATULATIONS TO BRAD FISH ON RECEIVING A 'CAT' AWARD

Perhaps you watched Brad on the TV the other night. He was a presenter for the Community Access Television (CAT) AWARDS and a recipient as well.

Brad was recognized as part of the Fall Studio Producer Certificate Workshop for their program called "Waggin Tails" about service animals.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU... WOMEN'S MINISTRY CONNECTIONS FOR APRIL:

Ladies Welcome - Join any of these studies and/or fellowship times as you are able...time spent with the Lord and friendsa double blessing.

1. Study of Luke with Nyla Fenning at Ruby Balbo's home, Mondays at 2pm.
2. M & M (Meet at the Mall) Study of II Peter – Mondays, 8am in the food court near the North end of the mall. This is an open group which adapts to the time/needs of the morning's attendees. Some walk before the study, some buy a coffee or bring a drink from home, some leave promptly at 9:30, others continue a fellowship time until the shops open. Plan to pray, discuss, co-learn and co-lead. Read II Peter, journal your thoughts, insights, questions, and come join the discussion.
3. A new Women's study is scheduled to start the week after Easter. The study book is "The Battlefield of the Mind" written by Joyce Meyer. The cost of the book and study guide is \$20. Sign up at the sign up table if you are interested.
4. Lunch Bunch – Laurie Royer will be our hostess at noon on April 14 at the Phoenix McDonald's (Shops at Exit 24). All ladies are welcome.
5. Piece Corp – Sewing, quilting, and craft projects – Every Tuesday morning. The approximate time is 9am until noon.

MONTHLY POTLUCK

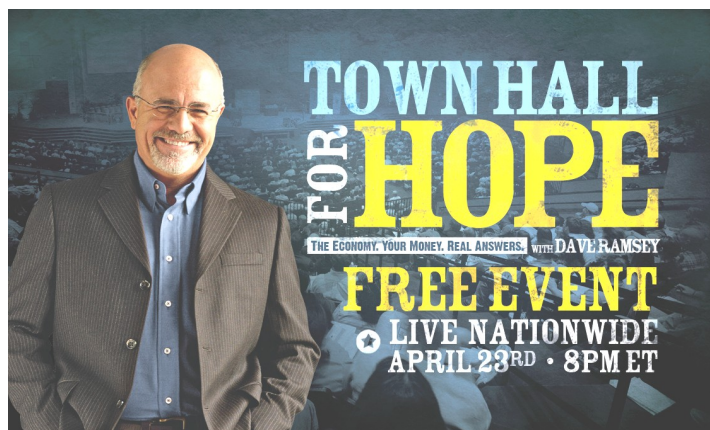
Many, many thanks to the Julie Hamilton and Laurie Royer for their superb decorating for our March Potluck..

All Church Potluck – April 19th....To late to Tax yourself, so do not work hard. Bring some simple, comfort foods to share, invite some friends and enjoy the fellowship of our April potluck. Ah, have you noticed we usually have black olives... give a thank you to Jim Farmer if you enjoy them.

You won't want to miss this special time of good food and good fellowship, **Sunday, April 19** following our morning worship

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.



TOWN HALL FOR HOPE

Tired of hearing the fear, doom and gloom that's filling the airwaves? Join Dave Ramsey for a nationwide town hall meeting and discover what's happening with the economy, how we got here, and where we're going. Plus, Dave will answer your questions live throughout the event!

We will be one of the host churches. Join us for this free event **April 23 at 5:00 p.m.** as we stand together to reignite the fire of hope!

Be Prepared



We don't often hear much about Boy Scouts these days. If you are like me you have some fond memories from having participated in the organization. Do you recall their motto—Be Prepared? This simple phrase was the motive for all that happened. Training for various merit badges and promotion through the ranks all depended on improving preparedness.

Peter may have had something like that in mind for the followers of Christ when he wrote, "Be ready at all times to answer anyone who asks you to explain the hope you have in you, but do it with gentleness and respect." (1 Peter 3:15-16) The question you might ask yourself is, "Am I prepared to do this?" If your answer is maybe or even no then fear not. We have a solution that should prove both enjoyable and useful. It is called **ALPHA**.

In ten short weeks you will be better prepared to do as Peter commands. You will also meet some new friends and hear concise answers to some of the toughest questions that anyone will ever ask you about the Christian faith. And don't forget the famous **ALPHA** humor provided by Nicky Gumble, the teacher of the course. It will be an experience you won't forget.

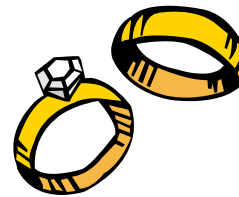
If you are not yet a Christian there is much greater significance to the phrase "Be prepared." **ALPHA** will help you discover what it means to follow Christ. We can guarantee you will be warmly welcomed and respected no matter what questions you bring to the discussions.

Plan to attend the kickoff Invitation Dinner on April 8 in the fellowship hall. The meal will be served at 6 pm followed by a brief orientation to what you can expect during the rest of the course. Call the church office (482-1561) or email alpha@cc-ashland.org to register. Gene or Janice Stringer will answer questions. We hope to see you at **ALPHA**.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Jim Larsen
- 2 - Marial Vellinga
- 7 - Doyle Cornwell
- 11 - April Macauley
- 11 - Gwen Jarrell
- 21 - Mel Metcalf
- 25 - Chris McDonald
- 25 - Nathaniel Davis
- 26 - Alex Davis
- 26 - David Jones
- 26 - Olive Doods
- 28 - Dalton Wilson
- 28 - Doug Fenning



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

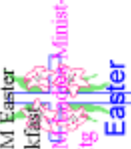
- 5 - Brad and Ava Fish
- 11 - Lance & Donna Knauss
- 16 - Nyla and Doug Fenning
- 17 - Dan and Ericha Tiller
- 30 - Antonio Wallace & Joyceann Catt

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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10:30 AM Discovery Club
10:45 AM Worship

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OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT... APRIL 18, 2009

The crowds keep showing up for these Third Saturday showings. Mike Royer's selection of movies is always right on target. This month will be more of the same (great stuff!)

Old Time Movie Night for April 18 presents two outstanding cinema treats. The evening starts with "**I WAKE UP SCREAMING**" (1941) starring Betty Grable, Victor Mature and Laird Cregar in one of the earliest examples of film noir, in a stylish display of technique that enhances this beautifully photographed mystery classic. Following is one of the most intelligently written and best science fiction films, "**THE DAY THE EARTH CAUGHT**

FIRE" (1961) that still resonates with today's audiences. This film turns the world topsy-turvy and gives us a glimpse of what it might be like to live through it...while the temperature climbs to 140 degrees! Global warming, anyone? Of course, there'll be the usual surprises so please join us. The doors open at 6:00 pm and the show starts at 6:30 pm. As always, it's FREE, but if you'd like to bring a non-parishable food item for the Food Bank, we encourage you to do so. Thanks. See ya on the 18th. Join us for the fun.

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

