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KEPING IT SIMPLE



When Jesus walked the dusty roads of Palestine he predicted the end of the old order of things; the Law, the Temple, sacrifice and a special class of priests. Animal sacrifice would be replaced by the cross. Baptism would make every believer a priest. The holy city and the honored temple would make way for heavenly halls.



Ironically, the demise of the temple and special teams was short lived. In a few hundred years church people would insist on holy sites, 'more holy' people and a new rule book. Instead of settling for a holy city in heaven and a temple consisting of myriads of believers, Rome would become the new Jerusalem and stone buildings would again be considered God's residence. Despite efforts to reform the giant church, denominations held on to much structure and tradition.

May 2009

The Restoration Movement, of which our church is a part, has said 'no thanks' to those who would have us participate in this mammoth remodeling job. We'd simply like to take our cues from the primitive church as expressed in the New Testament scriptures. Elders shepherd local congregations but beyond that level of care there was no thought of a mother congregation or head office in Jerusalem or elsewhere.

When many people hear of this approach to Christianity they find it refreshing and appealing. Others have put it better then I can. They said we'll have no creed but Christ. We'll wear no name but his. We'll have no book but the Bible, thank you. Our conventions will be for preaching and teaching; not voting on political mat-

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Because many in our day are soured on 'church', this is the perfect time to point to Jesus as the focus of our devotion, worship, hope and redemption. More and more we'll have a place in a culture which derides hierarchical systems of religion but often welcomes the 'Jesus Only' approach. Move over, religion, make room for Jesus.







VICKIE SON BAPTIZED

Vickie Son is a senior at Southern Oregon University, majoring in Journalism. Some weeks back she stepped into our Sunday assembly at the nudging of

God. After walking through the Three Stories of the Bible she was baptized into Christ on Easter Sunday. Congratulations and blessing on you, dear lady. After graduation Vickie will remain at SOU, working on her Masters Degree. God bless you, Vickie.

DAVID AND HEATHYR WING WELCOME A BABY SON

"Thank you all for your prayers. Daniel Weston Wing came into the world at 4:01 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15. He weighs 6 lb. 8 oz, and is 20 inches long. There were some complications during labor, but all is well. Mother and father are doing fine as proud new parents." Note from first-time Grandparents, Michael and Kathy soon after delivery



BUDDYTIME.ORG

I started BuddyTime.Org about one year ago. Churches around the west coast like it. And they should. Buddies meet weekly with friends, coworkers, family members and neighbors of all ages. Most groups are a mix of church folk and others. They enjoy Camaraderie, Character Conversations and work on projects of Compassion. If you are interested in starting or joining a BuddyTime cohort just let me know. Jim Larsen 1-541-890-3209

STRINGERS TAKE ON SHORT TERM MISSION PROJECT

We are eager to hear Gene and Janice's report of their labors in Austria. They joined TCMI for nearly two weeks and went to work immediately upon arrival. How about a slide show and details?

KLAMATH FALLS MINISTRY... BABY, BAPTISM

What a joy to be introduced to little Cade Alan Wolf, born to Cherry and Ross Wolf. Cade was born on

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March 6, weighing seven pounds and 14 ounces. Congratulations! Ross and Cherry are founding members of Friends of Faith, our home church group just the other side of the Cascade Mountains. See the announcement with photo on the foyer bulletin board. A thank you note was received for gifts sent to Cade and to our COA church ladies for the beautiful prayer quilt.





The other great news is of Casey Grimes' baptism. Casey and Kristin are core members of Friends of Faith and add much vitality to an already dynamic bunch. God bless you, sir!

ROGUE RIDERS

The bus trip to Grants Pass was great hit. Everyone came home with a much better understanding of the Hebrew Temple. This month...we will wait and see what Helen Jane comes up with. Watch the bulletin for more information.

ALPHA

Alpha is for those wanting to learn the basics of Christianity...or take a brush up course. The 10-week program is off and running but you can still get on board. We meet for dinner, the evening video and discussion each Wednesday. Come to the Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m. and expect to be headed home by 8:30. Alpha has blessed our church in many ways. A blessing is waiting for you.



MOTHERS DAY

A completely unique service is in store for all in attendance on Mothers Day...May 10. Interviews, reflections, life-lessons and more. Special recognition for all moms.

MONTHLY POTLUCK

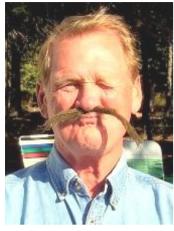
Laurie Royer and Janie Moore will be decorating our May 17th potluck.

You won't want to miss this special time of good food and good fellowship, **Sunday**, **May 17** following 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.

EMIGRANT LAKE PICNIC BREAKFAST MAY 30



Jerry Moore's now-famous biscuits and gravy! Yahoo! Also expect eggs-to-order, fruit, juice, coffee, hot chocolate and pork chops. Bring a friend to the 9 a.m. breakfast or arrive about 8 to join the cooking team. Emigrant Lake...\$4 for parking... donation jar... fellowship...games and fun. Once you've paid

your money at the booth, use the parking lot immediately to your right.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP JUNE 28-JULY 3

Hey, Middle Schoolers, I'm pretty excited about going to camp with you. We'll head up toward Cottage Grove and join maybe 80 other kids for a great week. The main reason I agreed to be the evening speaker is you, my class. Let's get our registrations in. See you Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Jim Larsen

REAL MEN MEET AT KING'S... FORMERLY ANNIE'S

Years ago we started conducting our Elders meeting in public places. Our men's group has gathering at King's for several years. Our lesson material? The Lookout magazine. All guys are welcome and newcomers will be treated to breakfast by Jerry Moore (must have this ad to qualify). King's is centrally located...in Phoenix (Oregon!) and the time is convenient...7:45 a.m. on Mondays. See you, buddy.

MONDAY SINGING AND STUDY AT JACKSON HOUSE

I've started meeting with most of the residents of Jackson House on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. Thanks to Eleanor Olsen for joining me as our pianist. Care to join us in the warm heart ministry?

Just make your way to Suncrest Road in Talent.
Once you've turned off of highway 99 just watch for

the care center on your right. Just chatting with these fine folk is a pleasure and a service. Jim Larsen



THANKS TO ST. MARY'S CONCERT CHOIR AND JAZZ BAND

Wow! What an amazing evening. First we held the church's Annual Meeting in which all nominees were elected. Then a sanctuary full of folk enjoyed an amazing concert by the St. Mary's concert choir and jazz band. Michael Wing has led both music groups to regional awards. Thanks to these teens for an outstanding performance. Plenty of pie and ice cream capped off the evening, April 16. The concert was filmed for RVTV channel 15, but we don't have a time yet. Watch the bulletin and Website for date and time.



CHURCH AT LOUIE'S BAR AND GRILL

We often think of church as being an orderly service. In Church at Louie's we are referring to the fact that the church is people, wherever they meet. When we meet to tape sessions for RVTV (Channel 15) plenty

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of folk inquire about the lights, microphones and the two guys talking about current events. We have opportunities to pray with people, invite them to worship or Old Time Movie Night. The program airs on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. Every day it seems someone will comment on seeing our show. It is all about planting seeds and watching God open doors.

MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING

A little reminder to all Mission Committee members...we'll meet after worship on Sunday, May 31. It's a potluck affair so bring something to share if you can.

ATTENTION ALL LADIES

Our spring luncheon and craft project is scheduled for Saturday, May 23rd at 10:00 a.m. in our church Fellowship Hall.

It's very important to have an actual count of those who plan to attend. Please sign up at the back of the church and take a look at the sample of what we're going to make.

You will each need to bring a container (approx size 4 1/2") you'd like to see on a table, desk, or counter, to complete your project.

We'll start our craft project at 10:00 a.m. and serve our salad luncheon at around noon

If you have any questions please ask Janie (772-3623) or Laurie (772-0689).

Hope all of you plan to attend. Mark your calendar now for May 23rd. It is sure to be a fun day.

NADINE AND ADAM WELCOME A BABY SON

James Asher Christie came into the world at 2:17 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21. He weighed 8 lbs. 2 ozs, and was 19 inches long. Mother and father are doing fine as proud new parents. Ala Jones is very proud of her new grandbaby. James is also the 21st greatgrandchild of Catherine (Kitty) Ellis.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

The monthly ladies lunch bunch moves to Friday evening, May 15th. The ladies decided to make the change for May so that ladies that can't get away during the day would be able to come. The ladies will be meet at 6:00 p.m. at a location to be chosen later Watch the bulletin for more details

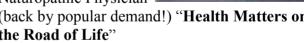
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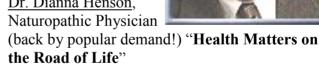
Laurie Royer and Janie Moore will host a yard sale Saturday, May 9th beginning at 7:00 a.m. If you would like to donate any nice items contact Laurie or Janie. They will be donating 10 percent of the sale from their personal items and 100 percent of any donated items to the church to help with decorating.

MAYFEST AT OREGON CHRISTIAN CONVENTION

On Thursday, May 7, 2009 from 9 AM-3 PM features Bob Russell and his message "Growing Older With, and In, Grace". The cost for the one day event is \$30 (\$25 before May 1) and includes lunch. Workshops include:

➤ Dr. Dianna Henson,





- ➤ Bob and Connie Bowers, Eastside Christian Church, Albany, Oregon "Helping the Hurting" ➤ Dick Sargent, Pastoral Care Minister, Southside
- Church of Christ, Lebanon, Oregon "Love INC: Helping Churches Help Others" (a way seniors can reach out to the needy in their communities) Love INC is an acronym for Love I the Name of Christ.

Housing: Centennial Lodge is available as well as RV hook-ups. If you need housing for Wednesday and Thursday night please call the office at 503-743-2101. OCC office hours are Monday—Friday, 8 a.m. —noon. You can get more information from the church office or at

www.oregonchristianconvention.org



2009 Summer Camp Schedule

Junior Camp 1 June 21 - 26

Directors: Sarah foster & Tom Moyers

(Late Start Registration Begins @ 5:00)

Middle School Camp 1 June 28 - July 3

Directors: Ahren Cahoon & Josh Hight

High School Camp 1 July 5 - 10

Directors: Bob Whiteman & Jim Davidson

Middle School Camp 2 July 12 - 17

Directors: Luke Brown & Lloyd Love

First Chance Camp 1 July 17 - 19

Directors: Traci Evans & Emily Cameron

High School Camp 2 July 19 - 24

Directors: Shaun Hart & Lori Markell

First Chance Camp 2 July 24 - 26

Directors: Traci Evans & Emily Cameron

Junior Camp 2 July 26 - 31

Directors: Nan Brooks

Registration / Cost

Grove Christian Camp attempts to keep cost to a minimum. The cost includes housing, meals, t-shirt (please mark your size on registration form) and a wide variety of programs.

The fee for each camp is \$170.00, except First Chance Camp which is \$65.00.

There are discounts and scholarships available through your local church. Please register at your local Church by giving to them a completed registration form and a \$25.00 non refundable deposit or you may mail to it to the camp.

Please call the camp with any questions 541-946-1662, or email @ grovecamp@aol.com



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Austen Tiller
- 2 Fred Kannasto
- 2 Madge Center
- 4 Karl Slack
- 4 Logan Ellis
- 5 Amanda Vellinga
- 21 Ethan Phillips
- 22 John Dooms
- 24 Bill Evans
- 28 Roxanne Wilson
- 29 John Daniel Sutton
- 29 Nyla Fenning
- 31 April Rudy

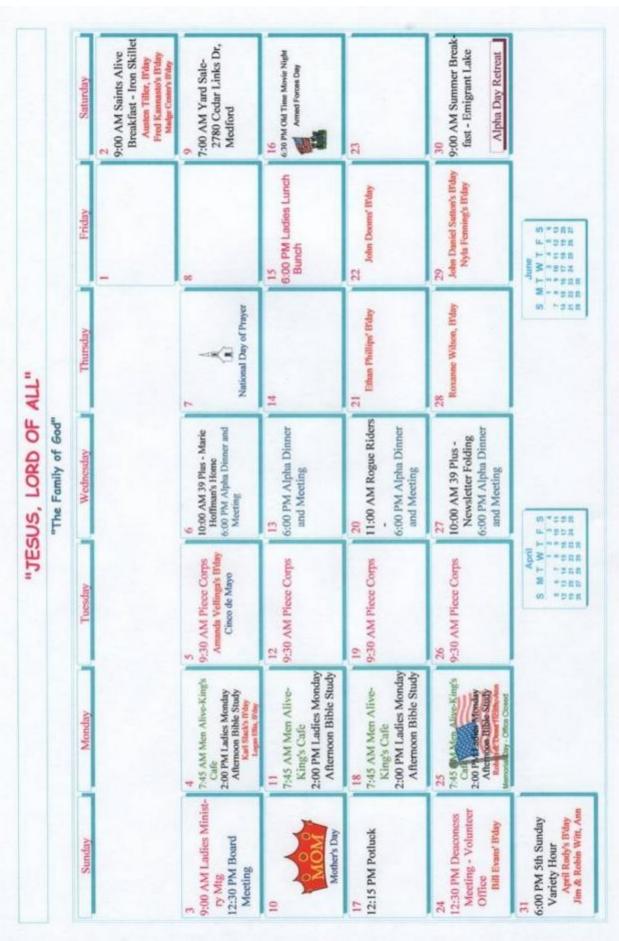


MAY ANNIVERSARIES

25 - Robert & Dona Heath

31 - Jim & Robin Witt

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.



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Sunday Service Schedule

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

Faithful to God, Responsive to People

We're on the Web www.cc-ashland.org

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OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT... MAY 16, 2009

If hot dog and Polish sausage sales at the snack bar are an index, April's movie night was the greatest in our seven-year history. The auditorium was packed and the mood was warm and welcoming. Mike Royer received dozens of approval comments for his superb selections for the double feature.

In May...Legendary comics Laurel and Hardy, vagrants, running from the law, take refuge in the temporarily deserted mansion of African big game hunter Colonel Buckshot and when guests unexpectedly arrive they pose as the absent owner and his maid(!) in "ANOTHER FINE MESS" 1931, 31 min.

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and then less than 100 British soldiers defend their isolated South African outpost against 4000 (that's correct: 4000) fierce natives bent on their destruction in "ZULU", 1964, 2 hr. 18 min., based on a TRUE story of great valor in the face of overwhelming odds. Don't miss this evening of laughs and thrills, **Saturday, May 16**. Expect the usual surprises.

Join us for the fun.

Doors and Snack bar open at 6:00 p.m. First movie starts at 6:30 p.m.

