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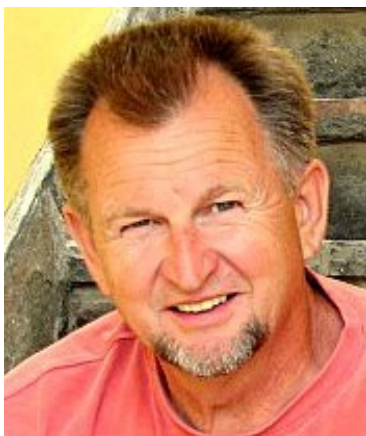
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Keeping In Touch



The other night I met with our Elders up at the Stringer place. What a fine evening! We talked about you, our church family. Despite the harsh realities of our congregation's finances the guys were quite upbeat. We began plans to form InTouch groups for the summer months. We'll be sending a group of kids to camp this summer. Our Sunday worship time is going well. There is a good spirit wafting through our family. A plus is the way these gentlemen get along, love Jesus and love you (and me!)

Let me return to the idea of getting in touch with each other. One of our challenges is geography. On Sundays you drive from all over creation to congregate at the corner of 2nd and B. You don't bump into each other much during the week unless by design. That's why I'm eager to get In Touch cells going. If there is a cadre of campers who plan a foray to the mountain lakes, count me in. I'm

ready and willing to present a prayer regimen that works for me. Maybe some would join me in forming a new BuddyTime group. And you? How about an every other week Bible study with a little potluck to boot? Yikes! The possibilities are endless. Just think how integrated and bonded our church family could be come September.

I'm glad that Doyle Cornwell, Michael Wing and Gene Stringer are tenders of the flock. They really love you. When somebody slips away from our bunch they grieve. When one soul comes to Christ they rejoice. That's why we are at work to lure you into small groups with the prospect of enhanced friendships, spiritual growth and even fun. What is needed is even greater glue than we have already experienced. So I urge you to sign on and get involved. You have much to offer our clan. And the group has much to enrich your life. So please don't withhold yourself from this loving church family. Even if you can only afford a few evenings throughout the summer, please say yes to rubbing shoulders and mixing thoughts with some other precious souls. Okay? Just say yes.

June 2009



SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT

Ever wish you knew more church folk by name? It would be a fine thing for others to get to know you too. Help is on the way! We are just now forming Summer In-Touch groups. Some will be based on shared interests, such as camping, picnicking, gardening or the like. Others will fine an every-other-week Bible study more appealing. Still others may wish to learn more about a particular subject... communications, the Restoration Movement's roots, evangelism methods...you name it. Perhaps you have seen the interest sheet on which you can express your thoughts. Be sure to turn it in to the office. Let's make this an unforgettable summer. What a great time to get in touch with our church family. Outreach is essential...and we work at that. But developing family ties is also necessary and good. An old preacher friend used to say that sometimes we must break fellowship to make fellowship. He meant that a group that has been hanging out regularly may need to take a break from the usual and get connected with those outside of their normal comings and goings. Maybe your current group would take a vacation to 'make fellowship' with some new relationships.

You may offer your home as a meeting place and invite someone else to lead the study. Maybe once or twice a month is sufficient for you. As we discover interests, frequency preferences and such we'll publish our findings so we can all get busy planning a memorable and transforming summer.

PREACHER TO PERU

My friend, Tim Tuttle, and I will head for Peru in July. Although this is not a Rotary trip, my Rotary

club is impressed with the work that is planned and is sending \$2000 with me for a children's dental program. Project New Hope International does an amazing job of improving living conditions for impoverished people while also offering new life through Jesus Christ. Although you'll not be making the journey with Tim and me I would very much appreciate your prayers during our preparations and the 'work like a dog' compassion campaign. Some may have items to donate for our yard sale scheduled for Saturday, June 6. Just give me a call so I can come by and pick up your stuff (Southern Oregon pick-ups only!).

Jim Larsen

39PLUS STARTS WITH MARIE

We've been a loving bunch for over eight years...we 39PLUS folk. Oh the scriptures we've studied and the fine table fare we have enjoyed. And the games! Cut throat! Dominoes, Uno, Skip Bo and such. The best part of our pow wows is grand fellowship. We end up praying for each other and establishing lasting friendships.

39PLUS is for available adults...most seem to be on the plus 39 side of life. Marie Hoffman hosts our first gathering in June...Wednesday the 3rd. Come on by 61 N. Mountain about 10 a.m. Get in on the games. Stay for Jim's 11 o'clock Bible Study. Of course Marie's lunch at noon is not to be missed. On the 17th Jim and Karen will host an outdoor brunch at their home...114 Autumn Ridge Drive in Talent. The time for this 'mainly fellowship' event is 10 to noon. Bring nothing.

A high point for June will be folding the newsletter on June 24. Doesn't sound like much does it? But what fun we have. Our crew has learned to fold those little items in a jiffy, so as not to miss a single hand of Uno or SkipBo. Jim's study from Colossians fits in perfectly and before you know it we're ready for the 'mighty fine' pot luck lunch at noon. Everybody is welcome. We'll waive the 39 rule if you haven't yet arrived at that magic age. Folding starts at 10!

ROGUE RIDERS

Helen Jane has an event in mind which will take place on June 13. Watch the bulletin for details as they are finalized.

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EARL ROGERS BAPTIZED

Earl and his family have been attending here for some time now. He has attended Alpha with Emilie, as well as taking part in Financial Peace University. You know him. Recently Earl decided to take the plunge for Jesus. He had been sprinkled in a Methodist church but wanted to follow the example of John, Jesus and the early church by being immersed. Good going, Earl. We all rejoice with you in your decision and faithfulness.



Idaho with her Air National Guard unit until October). Ross and Cherry Wolf are doing a great job of remaining totally involved in the study while also showing love to their newborn, Cade. It is a splendid night. Hotdogs and hamburgers, plus other goodies the group has contributed. The Offering Jar is off to the side, but receiving donations throughout the evening. When the total reaches the magic amount we'll seek out a financial need that we can address. Once it was sending high schooler, Jessie on a mission trip.

Love is present in abundance...joy and peace too. I'm thinking as I sit there that God must enjoy the sight of his kids wanting to know him better and sharing the journey with such enthusiasm and pleasure.

Jim Larsen

OUTDOOR DUTCH OVEN BREAKFASTS

We do this on the last Saturday of May, June, July and August...breakfast at Emigrant Lake. So come on out at about 8 a.m. on May 30 if you'd like a longer chunk of fellowship and food prep or arrive at about 9 for the goodies. There will be Jerry's Dutch oven biscuits and gravy, fruit, eggs cooked to order, bacon and a mix of hash browns, onions, peppers and mushrooms. Coffee, hot chocolate and juice, too.

Parking will run you \$4 per vehicle and we'll have a donation jar if you can help with grocery costs. May 30/June 27...Emigrant Park...8 to help, 9 to eat...\$4 to park.

ALPHA RETREAT AFTER THE MAY 30 OUTDOOR BREAKFAST

All ALPHA participants are reminded that the highlight of the course (the Retreat) will be held in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 30 at 10:30 a.m. Come on out to the breezy event at Emigrant Lake for breakfast and then scurry back to the church in time to catch the retreat. Pizza and salad will be served for lunch. A great day is in store for all who attend.



KLAMATH FALLS CADRE

You'd be quite jazzed to see this group in action. The other night I sat there and took it all in. Casey and Kristen sat together with their Bibles open. Next to them Jim and Robin, our hosts for the evening. Meghan, baptized in Hyatt Lake a couple of years ago, is assisting with the study of Philippians while her daughter, Natalie, is off playing with the other children. Jason Wilson is an active participant in the discussion (wife, Roxanne is over in



MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP

Okay you young knights! I'm about ready for my evening messages at Bible Camp. Are you ready to get on board? Camp up near Cottage Grove happens from Sunday (June 28) through Friday (July 3). Of course there is a cost to great experience but we'll work to get you some hefty assistance. Your main job is to sign up and save the dates. Come to class on Sunday mornings and we'll go over the checklist of stuff to bring...sleeping bag, Bible and things like that. Jim Larsen, teacher



MARLIA-LARSENS HEAD TO AFRICA

Lori Jo and Brian graduate from nursing school in June and immediately head to Sierra Leone, West Africa to scout out a mission which has invited them to serve there after their nursing internships. Here's a note from Lori Jo: "10/40 Window... Along with updating as to where we are in school I'm writing to share some thrilling news. Brian and I have been invited to join an IAM (Ibero America Ministries)

team headed for Sierra Leone. We have been encouraged to accompany those who are spearheading the project to visit the country in June. After having been in constant dialogue with both the IAM team leader and the medical missionaries who are involved in the work we feel that such a trip would be most beneficial as we seek to know God's will for our lives as healthcare providers. Brian and I long to put our nursing education to use where adequate and competent care is scarce.

Despite the long road ahead to becoming autonomous international healthcare providers it gives us overwhelming joy to have shared this chapter with you. Once more, our debt to all of you who have given financial contributions (including our church's Mission Committee!) and have provided loving care for our 2.5 year old...thank you, thank you!

We'll graduate on June 12 and leave for Sierra Leone on the 14th. On July 18 we'll return to Oregon to take the NCLEX-RN. Our hope is to be hired in the BSN program gaining experience working as RNs. In June 2010 we'll graduate from the BSN program and begin serving overseas...possibly Sierra Leone.

Thank so much for your steadfastness in praying for us and our church's loving financial assistance."

Lori Jo and Brian Marla-Larsen

LADIES MONDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

The ladies Monday Morning study group met on Memorial Day morning with a few guests who usually have to work. No one wanted to dress up on their day off – so the Pajama Party was suggested. We wonder if the Pajama Party will become a tradition for this fun loving group of ladies.

The ladies Monday Morning study will continue through the summer and you are invited!

Where: Janie Moore's home – 1950 Alamar – Medford

When: 8am-10am every Monday morning.

What Happens:

1. Hot water and instant drinks are always available

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2. Settle into the comfy chairs
3. Officially start with prayer
4. Share in the reading and facilitation of the discussion of our current study book (Joyce Meyers' "Battlefield of the Mind")
5. Everyone helps lead, facilitate, encourage and finish on time.



Pictured: Betty Tine, Janice, Janie, Laurie, Linda, Sheryl, Sheila, Shirley...

Bring your bible and "Come Just as You Are".

Drop-ins Welcome – You do not need to wear your fuzzy slippers and pajamas. Janice Stringer

CHURCH FINANCES...OUCH!

Unlike many churches we have not been forced to reduce our staff. Yet offerings that consistently lag behind spending have our church facing some very difficult choices. Surely the current economy impacts many, many of our families. We have no interest in laying a guilt trip on anybody. But it is likely that our folk are unaware of our red ink unless you have stopped by the foyer bulletin board to see the income/outgo reports.

So you are invited to keep in touch with our congregation's financial health and review your own stewardship patterns. Thank you for making this serious matter a matter of serious prayer and consideration.

SAINTS ALIVE – IRON SKILLET

Oh, yes! It is that time again. Time for hearty laughter and fine dining. Originally a seniors event,



we enjoy participation by all ages. Come on by the Iron Skillet Restaurant in Phoenix (Oregon!) at 9 a.m. on June 6. Order from the menu or take advantage of the senior's discount on the bountiful buffet. Bring a joke or a tall tale and you'll fit in perfectly.

REAL MEN MEET ON MONDAYS

Something pretty special has been happening in this cadre of guys. Friendships run deep. We gather at King's Restaurant (formerly Annie's) for breakfast, a study and prayer. All men are invited. Come on by, gents. Somebody will buy breakfast for first-timers (must bring this ad to qualify, buster!).

CHURCH AT LOUIE'S BAR AND GRILL

I've been preparing sermons at Louie's for over seven years. So when my weekly pow wow with David Bruce turned into a television program it was a natural to do the video taping at there as well. We discuss current events in hopes of planting seeds and developing relationships with locals. You can access short snippets of Church at Louie's at our website, www.OutsideTheWalls.Com or watch the TV show on cable Channel 15 at 5:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

BUDDYTIME.ORG

A mega-church in on the outskirts of Phoenix, Arizona, is the most recent congregation to call BuddyTime exactly what the doctor ordered. Churches everywhere are seeking ways to engage the community in camaraderie, character development and compassionate service. Groups of Christians and others gather on a weekly basis and end up performing selfless service in the community. Instead of luring peo-

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ple to a church BuddyTime is about working in and with people wherever they are. Want to hear more (or introduce BuddyTime to your church) just give me a call. 541-890-3209

VARIETY HOUR IS UPON US... SUNDAY, MAY 31

Okay, this is a June newsletter. But since our Fifth Sunday Variety Hour will happen after (most of) you receive the newsletter here goes: We'd love to have you sing a song, tell a story, read a chunk of scripture, play an instrument, put on a short skit, whistle or something. Just show up with your plan in hand. We'll make room for your contribution to the evening. Afterward desserts will be served to all in attendance.

A main part of the evening is singing those great old hymns from the hymnal. There's a sign up sheet in the foyer where you can make a note of your favorite hymns. Everett Cade will be at the piano to bring his magic to the night. See you there. Sunday, May 31...6 p.m.

JUNE POTLUCK

Father's Day, School Vacations, Graduations, So much to celebrate in June! Turn your food sharing ideas to Father's Favorites, no school tomorrow treats, Congratulation Diploma Cookies and ????? See you at our next "two B or not two B" Family and Friends Celebration Potluck on June 21.

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.

PIANO CONCERT

We will be hosting a piano concert on Wednesday, June 3rd at 7:00 p.m. The concert is free, a love offering will be taken. The gospel piano concert ministry presented by G. Richard Deal is an expression of praise and worship to our Lord, Jesus Christ. Music was created by God to be an instrument by which we can direct our hearts and praise to Him. This is facilitated by each believer actively participating in

worship whether by singing, playing an instrument or listening. (Col. 3, Eph.5, Ps. 92) <http://www.grdpianoministry.org>

GARAGE SALE

The garage sale fund raiser at the Royer home in Medford, Sat. May 9th, was a great success. Much needed funds for the sanctuary flower arrangements, decorating for potlucks and bulletin boards will help offset Laurie Royer and Janie Moore's personal expenses. Thanks to Linda Cornwell for her help. There were many compliments on the selections and organization of the sale. Laurie and Janie wish to thank all those who donated items.

Laurie Royer



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 4 - Brian Marlia-Larsen
- 5 - Juanita Hernandez
- 12 - Bob Heath
- 16 - Zachary Sutton
- 19 - Edan Rudy
- 23 - Laurie Royer
- 28 - Trevor Ellis
- 28 - Mike Royer
- 29 - Colton McDonald
- 29 - Ericha Tiller
- 29 - Michael Wing




JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 - Jason and Roxanne Wilson
- 4 - Rick and Connie Griffith
- 8 - Doyle and Linda Cornwell
- 11 - Ed and April Macauley
- 15 - James and Sandee McDaniel

"JESUS, LORD OF ALL"

"The Family of God"

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>7:45 AM Men Alive-King's Cafe</p> <p>8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps Jason & Roxanne Wilson, Ann</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 AM 39 Plus - Marie Hoffman's Home</p> <p>7:00 PM Piano Concert</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Brian Marlin-Larsen, B'day</p> <p>Rick & Connie Griffith, Ann</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Juanita Hernandez, B'day</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 AM Saints Alive Breakfast - Iron Skillet</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:45 AM Men Alive-King's Cafe</p> <p>8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group</p> <p>Dorle & Linda Cornwell, Ann</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:00 PM Ted Killian & Friend Concert</p> <p>Ed and April Macauley, Ann</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Bob Heath, B'day</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p> <p>9:00 AM Ladies Ministry Mtg</p> <p>12:30 PM Board Meeting</p> <p>Flag Day</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:45 AM Men Alive-King's Cafe</p> <p>8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group</p> <p>James & Sandra McDaniel, Ann</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps Zachary Sutton, B'day</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:00 AM Rogue Riders</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Edan Rusby, B'day</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:30 PM Old Time Movie Night</p>
<p>21</p> <p>12:15 PM Potluck</p>  <p>Father's Day</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:45 AM Men Alive-King's Cafe</p> <p>8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps Laurie Royer, B'day</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:00 AM 39 Plus - Newsletter Folding</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00 AM Summer Breakfast - Emigrant Lake</p>
<p>28</p> <p>12:30 PM Deacons Meeting - Volunteer Office</p> <p>Mike Royer, B'day</p> <p>Trevor Ellis, B'day</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:45 AM Men Alive-King's Cafe</p> <p>8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group</p> <p>Colleen McDonald, B'day</p> <p>Brian Tiller, B'day</p> <p>Michael Wing, B'day</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps</p>				

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

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OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT...

JUNE 20, 2009

June 2009 marks the beginning of our 8th year of comparing the values depicted in motion pictures of past eras with those of today.

This month's presentation begins with 1949's

TARZAN'S MAGIC FOUNTAIN

(73 min.), the first Lex



Barker series entry after Johnny Weissmuller hung up his loin cloth and the last Tarzan epic released before the passing of the jungle lord's creator, Edgar Rice Burroughs. The ape man finds a secret valley where nobody ages...until, oh oh, they leave!

The second feature is 1946's

THE BLUE DAHLIA (97 min.) starring Alan Ladd, Veronica Lake and William Bendix.



This exciting Raymond Chandler scripted melodrama finds a returning G.I. the chief suspect in the murder of his unfaithful wife. Wow, don't miss this evening of exciting African and concrete jungle thrills and suspense, **Saturday June 20.**

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.