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# talka-talka

Lori Jo taught me much about talka-talka. She said that while many missionaries speak with their mouths she was intent on talking with her hands. So she went off to Iraq and spear-headed the construction of a 10,000 square foot women's center. She and Brian have done the same sort of 'talking hands' stuff in Tacna, Peru. As I write this they are in Africa checking out a medical mission with the possibility of moving and serving there after their nursing internship. What drew them to look into that nation is the glaring shortage of medical care for the people of Sierra Leone. In



Sierra Leone, Africa

Some time back Lori had that talka-talka conversation with me. I looked at my own ministry and realized I was mainly a talker. And there is a place for verbal communication, for sure. Yet it was while serving the homeless in Lithia Park that I felt clearly on the Jesus Trail. People could be critical

and call our labors 'enabling'. But I didn't see many Christians getting their hands dirty in serving the poor. Now that I'm working with the fledgling cadre of believers in Klamath Falls (and not feeding the poor) I feel like I'm back to words and more words. We can point fingers at hitchhikers, panhandlers and free-loaders. But the question still nags us...so what are we doing to make somebody's world a better place.

I developed BuddyTime as a tool for enlisting Christians and non-Christians alike in community service. It is working for groups around the West. It combines Camaraderie, Character Conversations and Compassionate Action. Relationships, personal growth and loving kindness. Sounds a bit like the lifestyle of Jesus. Of course we want to get people ready for Heaven, but along the way we need to make somebody's world a better place in the here and now. Can we talk (there we go again) about this, friends?



## CHURCH AT LOUIE'S BAR AND GRILL

Some folk seem to wince when I inform them of our weekly television program, *Church at Louie's Bar and Grill*. This Jim Larsen/David Bruce discussion of current events from a spiritual point of view is aired on RVTV every Saturday at 5:30 p.m. on cable channel 15. We also post five minute chunks of the 30-minute program on [www.OutOfTheWalls.Com](http://www.OutOfTheWalls.Com). Go there and the most recent discussion clip will pop up.

It is quite amazing how many excellent relationships David, Brad and I have developed with people there at Louie's. Bartenders and waitresses have asked us to pray for them. Other diners step over to our table seeking advice or just thanking us for showing up in their world. I've been taking my laptop computer to Louie's for seven years to work on sermons. Holed up in my third floor office at the church or at home I'd never rub shoulders with so many hundreds of people. Brad does a great job with the video and David has such a keen eye for underlying values and conflicts in world events. You may want to take a peek. Jim L

## SERIOUSLY RIDICULOUS MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP

Three of our middle school guys will be attending Bible camp with our pastor, June 28-July 3, near Cottage Grove. Sean Rogers, Nathan Rogers and Chris McCauley will take a look at "Seriously Ridiculous" love, worship, power and service. Jim Larsen will teach a class on prayer and will be the evening speaker. Pray for these gentlemen as they mingle with about 100 other campers plus staff. Tuition is \$170 per person so we are much appreciative of those who have already provided assistance and those who would still like to contribute. Want to write to our boys while they are away? Be sure to send mail by Tuesday since camp wraps up Friday morning: **Camp Address: Grove Christian Camp, 37028 Shoreview DR, Dorena, OR 97434.**

## 39PLUS A SUMMER OF THRILLS

The thrill of our gatherings is deep fellowship, relaxation and mining God's word. Folk who admit to being at least thirty nine years old gather at Marie

Hoffman's home the first Wednesday of each month. At 10 a.m. we play those "now-I-know-what-you-are-really-like" games like King's Corners and Skip-Bo. Sometimes the choice is dominoes. Ah, the tempers flare, money changes hands and trouble is in the air (okay, just kidding). Then through Jim's Bible lesson we make amends and finish up the morning with lunch. What a thrill, right?

Some of you easily qualified for anything 39Plus (you know who we mean!!) but haven't dropped by. Starting in July all available adults who do not show up will need to bring a note from their doctor.

On the third Wednesday, (July 15th) we'll join Helen Jane on her Rogue Riders excursion and finish up the month by folding the newsletter in Fellowship Hall on July 29. Fold at 10...Bible Study at 11...Potluck lunch at noon. All aboard!

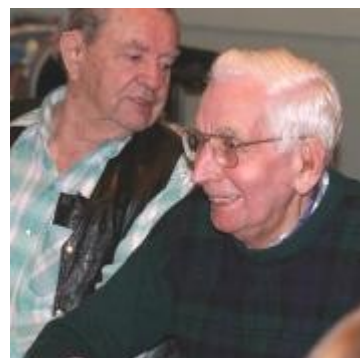
## ROGUE RIDERS

The Jackson Co. animal shelter has a corp of volunteers that do many things, among them conduct tours of the facility. I have been able to get the Rogue Riders scheduled in on July 15th @ 10:00 a.m. for a tour. They said it usually takes about an hour. We will need to leave the church by 9:45 to get to the facility by 10.

Following the tour we will see what's on the menu at the Avalon restaurant. (That is where they had the good sweet potato fries.)

Mark your calendars for July 15th, and come with us  
-----HJ

## SAINTS ALIVE AND HUNGRY



Here's an event with an aim of fun and fellowship. Adults (sometimes kids, too) gather at the Iron Skillet Restaurant near the Phoenix (Oregon!) off ramp for a 9 a.m. breakfast and tall tales. Read your latest email joke or riddle.

Bring an appetite. Invite a friend! This month (July) our breakfast will move

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to **Saturday, July 11** since the first Saturday falls on the **4<sup>th</sup> of July**. Drive carefully, please.

## JIM TO SOUTH AMERICA

I'm so happy to serve a congregation which sees beyond the church walls. My ministry with that Klamath Falls bunch is good for all of us. Taking people through the Three Stories keeps me busy in Ashland. Annual or twice-annual trips to Peru are a great help to young pastors and church leaders. I'm able to provide some college-level classes which they'd not otherwise have access to. I do plenty of teaching, lead prayer seminars and do hands on labor. I do this as an extension of our church. When I am in Trujillo or in some village in the Andes it is as if you are there as well. On July 7 I'll fly to Los Angeles and on to Lima. From July 8 through July 18 I will be speaking at many venues and taking a check from my Rotary club to provide dental care to one hundred poor children. Thanks for your prayers and for individual gifts you've volunteered. Muchias Gracias, Amigos y Amigas, Jim Larsen

## CONGRATULATIONS! 2009 GRADUATES...



**JENNIFER EMONS** graduated from Southern Oregon University in June with a major in Psychology and a minor in Art. Her goal is to become a doctor of chiropractic, with hopes of working at Life Chiropractic West in

Hayward, California. While attending the Christian Church of Ashland Jen said she liked the teaching which applies scripture to everyday life situations. She calls our folk 'genuine people' who are welcoming while also being a close-knit family. "This is a special church". Congratulations and farewell, dear lady!

**LORI JO MARLIA-LARSEN** was already a graduate of Hope International University when she entered the nursing program at Rogue Community College. You know of her work in Chile, Peru and Iraq. While serving God in those locations she was

moved by the lack of medical care available to many women and children. Along with her good husband Brian, Lori sought an additional degree, this one in nursing. She graduated with honors and in July will take the test to become a Registered Nurse. As you read this the Marlia-Larsens are in Sierra Leone, West Africa, scouting out a medical mission which has invited them to serve there after their internships.



**BRIAN MARLIA-LARSEN** was a graduate of Southern Oregon University (Spanish major) when he began mission work, serving in Iraq and Peru. He began the intense two-year nursing track with Lori Jo, also graduating with honors. He plans to continue on in medical studies, with the intention of becoming a Nurse Practitioner. At the RCC commencement service he thanked his mother, Gemma, an RN, for her encouragement, assistance and her fine work as a model of compassion and excellence. Brian and Lori Jo will return to the states on July 2, in time to take the examine making them RNs.



**VICKIE SON** graduated from Southern Oregon University, receiving Summa Cum Laude honors on June 13<sup>th</sup>. She received the "Outstanding Critical Essayist in Literature" award from the English department. This was quite special to her because her professors selected her for the honor. She was recognized for working hard to write critical essays on literature, which she considers the most difficult kind of writing.

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ing. Vickie has been accepted into the Masters of Arts in Teaching (MAT) a one year full-time program at SOU and will be working toward a teaching certificate for middle/high school Language Arts and possibly Social Studies starting at the end of July.

Vickie was baptized on Easter Sunday this year and, along with her dear friend DJ Frost (baptized in June) has been a very active part of our church's life. Congratulations!



### **HEATHER PEPPER**

recently graduated from Phoenix (Oregon !) High School and is considering joining the Marines. At Phoenix High she was both a cheerleader and a Mat Queen (helped score wrestling meets). Heather tackled Honors classes and

made very good grades. Currently she is tending to her grandma, Jean Vermillion, who is recovering from knee surgery. Good going, Heather!

## **KLAMATH FALLS CADRE**

These are difficult days for our Christian friends just



over the Cascade Mountains in Klamath Falls. Jets are no longer flying out of Kingsley Field (an Air National Guard base). That means that some of our brethren have been moved to Idaho. The problem is simple. For a while a wife must leave her family in Klamath Falls and spend months in the state to the east. Or a husband is stationed over there, away from his wife and children. They all seem to take this in stride and make forays back and forth as time and money permit. Still, I ask that you pray for our

friends in the little congregation there.

You may remember their motto: No buildings, No budgets and No big shots. They meet from home to home and donate their offerings to needy people and worthy causes. I'm grateful to our Mission Team for providing gas funds for my treks over the mountains. Jim Larsen

## **FINANCES STABILIZED IN MAY**

Many, many thanks to our folk for standing strong in May. We were within a few dollars of meeting our budget. Your elders and board are of the opinion that when our folk know of the church's financial situation you are ready to respond in faith. So thanks for banding together and standing firm in your stewardship.

*Editors note: June is not shaping up as well. With only one Sunday left in June we are still \$5,101.99 sort of our budgeted monthly goal. Keep an eye on the bulletin insert and bulletin board in the back to follow our progress.*

## **OUTDOOR DUTCH OVEN BREAKFAST... JUNE 27, JULY 25 AND AUG 29**

This seems to be one of church's favorite outings... breakfast at Emigrant Lake. Dutch oven biscuits and gravy are a given. A bit of bacon or sausage can be expected. Hash browns fried up with peppers, onions and mushrooms are usually provided. How about pancakes once in a while and eggs, either scrambled for cooked to order? Expect to pay \$4 to park and consider dropping something in the donation jar for the vittles.

Bring a lawn chair if you'd like. Your friends are also welcome. Breakfast is served at 9 but helpers are always appreciated for prep work...that starts about 8. Look for our site immediately to you right when you've stopped at the toll booth. Bring your appetite. (pic of Killians)

## **PRAYER RETREATS AT HOWARD PRAIRE LAKE**

Is it time to get away for a prayer walk in the woods? Here's your opportunity. On August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> I'll be camping at Howard Praire Lake in the hunt for

alone time with God. I'd be happy to share my retreat with you. We can have some fine fellowship and still make time for 'alone' time. Care to join me? Come on up on Friday evening hot dogs, coffee and hot chocolate. We'll sing and pray around the campfire. Or drive up for breakfast at 9, followed by a directed prayer time down by the lake or out in the woods. The same sort of event will take place on September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> with the location to be determined. You'll need to sign up in the church foyer so we can reserve enough camping spaces and bring enough chow. Jim Larsen

## PEDRO VILLAGRANA BAPTIZED IN THE APPEGATE RIVER



Pedro and his handsome son Leo have been attending our services for months now. He is a nephew of Jesus and Connie Prieto and a cousin of Lisa Prieto. He's gone through the Three Stories with me and is eager to follow Jesus Christ. On Fa-

ther's Day Pedro invited many of his family members to Cantrell-Buckley Park on the Applegate River to witness his baptism. Congratulations good man!

Body builders and weight lifters in the valley are familiar with Pedro's exploits in these two areas. He recently won a 'Push and Pull' contest in which lifters bench press as much weight as possible and do dead lifts. He's a volleyball player and fitness buff. All of this while being an exemplary dad.

## DJ FROST, BAPTIZED



Those who attended the Outdoor Breakfast in May were overjoyed to witness the baptism of D.J. Frost. D.J. is a senior at Southern Oregon University, planning to graduate later this year. He's been a part of our congregation for a few

months now and first came as a friend of Vickie Son. His baptism in Emigrant Lake resulted from a new look at Jesus and himself. Congratulations, good man. It is wonderful to have you in the family.

## REAL MEN, MONDAYS

Annie's has become King's Café. Great food and good company. All men are invited to our weekly eat/pray/study/fellowship time. Jerry Moore will pick up the tab for first-timers. Must bring this ad to qualify, buster. Remember...King's in Phoenix (Oregon!)...7:45 a.m.

## NADINE JONES AND ADAM CHRISTIE TIE THE KNOT



Congratulations to Nadine and Adam on their June 20<sup>th</sup> wedding. Uncle Brad (Fish) walked them through the ceremony and Jim Larsen formalized the vows. A beautiful reception followed in Fellowship

Hall, prepared by Ala Jones, Kitty Ellis and Ava Fish. Nadine grew up in this church and is loved by us all. Adam has won our hearts and is looking to play bass with our worship team. We wish them, and son James Asher Christie a multitude of God's blessings.

## PAUL CREEL ON THE MEND

On Wednesday, June 17, Paul Creel took a tumble, fracturing his hip. Surgery was performed the next day and Paul was to be released from the hospital on Monday, June 22. Please pray for this dear man who has been a vital part of our congregation for decades. May God hasten your mending, Paul.

## KEEPING IN TOUCH THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

We are encouraging all of our folk to get and stay connected to the rest of throughout the summer. The Prayer Retreats are aimed at facilitating fellowship as

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well as providing an enriching prayer time for all who attend. Some folk are inviting certain friends and family to small group gatherings. Earl and Emily Rogers have volunteered their home for a small group.

This is an ideal time to invite neighbors and family to connect with your church family. Let's be prayerful and intentional about our planning. Later in the summer Gene and Janice are talking of hosting a home group to delve into the roots of our congregation...the Restoration Movement. Please watch the bulletin board in the foyer for new groups forming.

## JULY POTLUCK

Our July Potluck will be Sunday, July 19th. As always this is a great time for good food and good fellowship.

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.*

## JAY GARRISON'S ADDRESS

Karen Larsen's father, Jay, lived with the Larsens for four months before returning to his home in Arizona. He became a friend of many of us. Here's his address, which you have requested:

Jay Garrison  
1902 N. Kachina Dr.  
Flagstaff, Arizona 86001

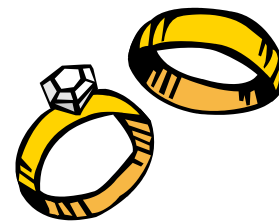
## YARD FACE LIFT

A special thanks to Ava Fish for her work weeding the flower beds. We welcome all help with the yard.



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 - Austin Phillips
- 6 - Brandon Wilson
- 8 - Bobbie Ashby
- 11 - Delanee McDaniel
- 11 - Larry Ellis
- 18 - Jamie Altman
- 18 - Rick Griffith
- 22 - Ronald Fuller
- 23 - Jean Dooms
- 27 - Heather Pepper
- 29 - James McDaniel



## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 29 - Dan and Jenny Acery

*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
<p>1</p> <p>10:00 AM 39 Plus - Marie Hoffman's Home</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Independence Day</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Austin Phillips, B'day</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:45 AM Men Alive- King's Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group Brandon Wilson, B'day</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps 7:00 PM Financial Peace University- Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Bobbie Ashby, B'day</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00 AM Saints Alive Breakfast - Iron Skillet Delancee McDaniel, B'day Larry Ellis, B'day</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 AM Ladies Minist- ry Mtg 12:30 PM Board Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:45 AM Men Alive- King's Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps 7:00 PM Financial Peace University- Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:30 AM Rogue Riders -</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:30 PM Old Time Movie Night Jamie Altman, B'day Rick Griffith, B'day</p>	<p>19</p> <p>12:15 PM Potluck</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:45 AM Men Alive- King's Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps 7:00 PM Financial Peace University- Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Ronald Fuller, B'day</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Jean Dooms, B'day</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:00 AM Summer Break- fast - Emigrant Lake</p>	<p>26</p> <p>12:30 PM Deaconess Meeting - Volunteer Office</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:45 AM Men Alive- King's Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group Heather Pepper, B'day</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps 7:00 PM Financial Peace University- Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>29</p> <p>10:00 AM 39 Plus - Newsletter Folding Dan &amp; Jenny Acery, Ann James McDaniel, B'day</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</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

In June we celebrated seven years of hosting Ashland's Old Time Movie Night. This event has become a fixture here in Ashland. People drive from all over the Valley to view old classics on our silver screen. Greg Luce launched this wonderful program and handed it off to Mike Royer. All who attend hail Movie Night as a grand way to reach out the community, make friends, use our facility and give a gift to our neighbors. Here's the scoop for July...

An evening of hilarious misadventures that befall master salesman Alexander Botts and the heroic deeds of stalwart cattle town sheriff Wade Hatton awaits all who attend our celebration of classic motion pictures for July. Celebrate independence with Warner Bros. biggest box office comedian of the 1930s Joe E. Brown and the screen's foremost swashbuckler of any era, Errol Flynn. First up is "**EARTHWORM TRACTORS**" (1934), the story of a "natural-born" salesman, played by Brown, who decides to sell the huge tractors made by Caterpillar. Mayhem and mirth quickly follow. This is perhaps Brown's best comedy. The second feature is the rousing 1939

technicolor smash hit "**DODGE CITY**" starring Errol Flynn and beautiful Olivia de Havilland. Trail boss Flynn pins on a badge to bring law and order to the corrupt, bullet-riddled cow town of Dodge. This classic features the most spectacular saloon brawl ever seen in a western and probably employed every available stunt person in Hollywood. This great evening of family entertainment awaits all on SATURDAY JULY 18. Expect the usual surprises. Please join us for the laughs and thrills.

**Doors and Snack bar open at 6:00 p.m.**

**First movie starts at 6:30 p.m.**

