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NINE YEARS AND COUNTING

I had been out the ministry since mid-1999 when your Elders invited me to share in the life of this church. That was late August of 2000. On the phone I wondered aloud if Ashland was the only church in the state that didn't know of my behavior over that time period. I was assured that you all knew I had stepped into the darkness for a time...and of my rescue by Jesus. Maybe this church could get me re-grounded and perhaps my recent experiences had given me new perspectives and tools to be a better pastor than before, they said. So I walked with you in an informal way for a few months. You were so good for me. I felt immense support and encouragement. The vote in November was affirmative...100 per cent.

I have not stopped thanking God for this new lease on life and a 'new day' in ministry. Our labors together are anything but ordinary. Your leaders... Elders, Deacons, Deaconesses and others, already possessed a longing to reach Ashland and beyond. Soon new people came along with special gifts. Greg Luce, David Bruce, Mike and Laurie Royer, the Killians...oh, the list goes on...jumped on board to give our church unique tools for touching the world with God's love.

And now, as someone said in our small group, it seems as if God has us perched on the edge of the nest, ready to fly. I've served churches with great music program and dynamic youth ministries. But I've never worked with a cohort so eager to engage the community, serve where we are planted and still have a global perspective such as you do.

We talk about the difference between a Membership congregation and a Mission congregation. One is focused on 'us'...what makes 'us' happy and meets 'our' needs. The latter looks at the world and weeps over the lostness of so many. You rejoice whenever somebody from our 'over the mountain' Friends of Faith cadre is baptized. You want to hear all about the Stringer's short term mission work in Europe, Lori Jo and Brian's excursion to Sierra Leone in Africa or my teaching and preaching in Peru. Can you imagine what this all does to a pastor's heart? We preachers always dream of serving a congregation which wants to whip the devil, put a dent in the darkness and find ways to make the love of God tangible and real to our community.

Yes, I'm troubled to see how the

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world's financial woes smack our church. I'd like to think we somehow float above the tide, but that isn't very realistic. We are writing financial reports in red these days. It's a small matter compared to persecution, but it still has the power to distract us and pull back from the real battles we are commissioned to fight.

I just want to thank you for walking and working with me for nine years. I like 'us'. We are a great fit. God blesses our sometimes odd and creative ways of showing his open arms to a confused and needy world. While we sweat over financial woes, may we always worship and serve the one who has promised to never leave or forsake us. I'm glad for the yoke we share and the trail we trod for the Master. With deep love and appreciation, Jim Larsen




JENNIFER FINE BAPTIZED!

Here is a fine young lady...Jennifer Fine. You know her folks, Doug and Suzanne. Jennifer recently gave herself to Jesus in baptism. The big event took place at noon on Monday, August 17. She invited her parents and sister Rachel to witness the holy plunge, as well as several good friends. Jennifer attends Ashland High School and captains the girl's volleyball team. I was honored to do the baptizing and sharing from the scriptures. Thanks to Eleanor



Olson for serving at the organ as we sang together and Karen Larsen for serving communion.

Jim Larsen

SAINTS ALIVE...WHAT A FELLOWSHIP!

We pretty much fill up the banquet room each time we gather at the Iron Skillet in Phoenix (Oregon!) Those new to the church will definitely want to attend this wonderful event

on September 5. Show up at 9. Order from the menu or graze at the ample Breakfast Buffet. Need a ride? Call me...890-3209. Jim Larsen



POTLUCK

On **September 20th** we will gather for our monthly time of food and fellowship. As always this is a great time to get acquainted with someone new or maybe just someone you haven't met yet. This is always a great time to invite someone new to join you. Bring enough for you and your guest and let them know they are a guest and don't need to bring anything, but themselves. Good food and great fellowship! See You there!

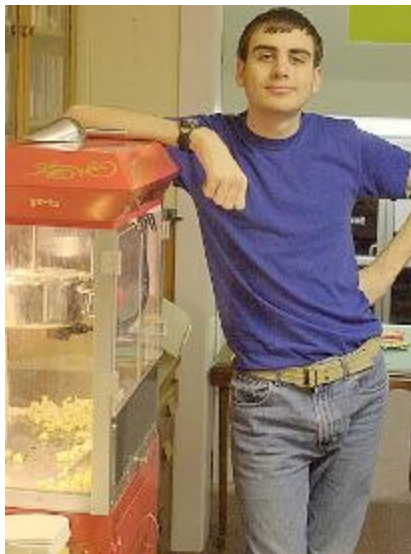


If your last name begins with **A-K, please bring a main dish and a salad.** If your last name begins with **L-Z, please bring a main dish and a dessert.** Single folks just bring one item to share.

Remember the ovens are on for keeping food warm, so please bring your food already cooked.

OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT... 7 YEARS AND GOING STRONG

The thank yous follow every single edition of OTMN. Mike Royer has thousands of movies to choose from and a gift of choosing great ones. The Third Saturday nights are splendid for getting to know our neighbors and folk who travel from all over the Rogue Valley to see these classics.



Check out the back page of the newsletter to see what's coming in September.

WILL THE REAL MISSIONARY PLEASE STAND UP?

And they are standing up. Recently Lori Jo and Brian gave a report on their survey trip to Sierra Leone. They described the difficulty they are experiencing weighing the enormous need against their preparation for service. August 30 we will hear from Steve Caulley, veteran African Missionary, now serving in Kimberly RSA. Then on September 20 David Wright will be here to tell us about the work of TCMII, Training for Christian Ministry Institute in Austria. All of these receive financial support from Christian Church of Ashland.

Any missionary will tell you that financial support is necessary but informed prayer support of their work is important as well. Informed prayer support begins when you take advantage of opportunities such as these to learn about the work they are doing. Ask questions. Find out ways that you can help. Learn about special needs.

As you learn about the work of the missions you may discover ways you can be actively involved in their work. The CCA Missions committee encourages this kind of activity. If financial support is

needed let us know.

Finally, don't forget that the Great Commission calls us all to be missionaries starting from where we live and then to nearby communities and possibly even to the uttermost parts of the Earth (Acts 1:8). So when you read the question in the title of this article, consider the possibility that God may be calling you to stand up. Most of the missionaries I know are no different from most of us except they have stood up when they heard the call. Come and see.

After church on Sunday August 30 the Missions committee will host a pot luck meeting with Steve and Brenda Caulley. You are welcomed to participate in the meal and get involved in the discussion.

REAL MEN KEEP ON MEETING AND EATING



The name of our restaurant has changed a couple of times but the food is still fine and the fellowship...well... outstanding. Monday morning finds a bunch of guys at

The Old Farm

House...formerly King's...formerly Annie's. Come on to Phoenix (Oregon!) for Bible study, prayer, friendly chatter and hearty chow. Jerry Moore has a standing offer to buy breakfast for newcomers. (Must bring this ad and drivers license, buster!) 7:45... Mondays... OFH



FIFTH SUNDAY VARIETY HOUR

Everett Cade will be at the piano. Brother Stringer will lead the hymns. And you? How about a solo, a poem, perhaps a skit or a tall tale? This is Variety Hour so use your imagination. Along with all of

these entries you can expect a good bunch of old hymns. Use the sign-up sheet in the foyer to indicate what you are willing to present...and use the nearby sheet to indicate what dessert you'll bring. We already have folk bringing pie and ice cream. Variety Hour...Sunday Night...August 30...6 p.m...Dessert to follow!



ROGUE RIDERS... PLENTY OF PLACES TO GO



It was a fine jaunt to Camper's Cove up at Hyatt Lake in August. What does Helen Jane Slack have in mind for September?

On Wednesday, September 16 we will venture to the Lake Creek area and have a picnic in the park. There is a new store, museum and a Nursery to see. Join us for a change in scenery. HJ

39PLUS MEETS AT MARIE'S PLACE

What a fine way to begin the new month...games, Bible study and lunch at Marie Hoffman's place...61 N Mountain Avenue just north of East Main Street. The joy is rich and the conversations loving and true.



So come by on Wednesday, September 2. Later in the month we'll join Rogue Riders on their trek. Finally we team up to fold the church newsletter on September 30. It's another Games-Study-Lunch day. This time we ask everyone to bring a dish to share since it is a potluck event. Show up at 10 and let the good times roll.

PRAYER RETREAT INSPIRING



Thanks to Julie Hamilton, our facilitator, the August Prayer Retreat was a highlight of the summer. The weather co-operated, food was outstanding and the fellowship was precious. Another retreat is in the planning stage, with a firm date to be set.



LAST OUTDOOR PICNIC BREAKFAST

This Saturday...yes, August 29...is your last chance to enjoy Jerry Moore's Dutch oven biscuits and gravy. So grab your lawn chair and head for Emigrant Lake. Breakfast (biscuits, gravy, bacon, eggs,

fruit and hash browns) will be served at 9 a.m. Usually a good group comes about 8 to do prep work and learn the fine art of cast iron cookery. You'll need \$4 for parking and we'll have a basket out for donations. My dad, Norm, will be on hand so we are asking everyone to be on their best behavior, please. Jim Larsen



IT'S NOT TOO LATE...

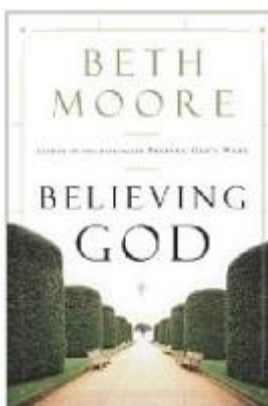
Roots are an essential basis for life in the plant kingdom. Cut a plant from its roots and it dies. Planted in good soil with sufficient water the plant flourishes. What are the roots of Christian Church of Ashland?



Whether we know them or not we have roots that connect us to our family tree including our church family. This knowledge is essential for informed members of Christian Church of Ashland. As a congregationally governed fellowship of believers we share responsibility for the way we conduct ourselves in God's Kingdom. That is why we are offering a five week emphasis on our heritage as part of the Restoration Movement. In the first two classes we discussed the mottos that have been used to distinguish our plea for Christian unity. We have debated the idea of denomination and our own decision to retain local independence. We have also examined some aspects of our own by-laws in light of Restoration principles.

Here is the schedule so you can see that is really not too late to get in on the discussions. Come to the fellowship hall at 9:30 AM and grab a seat. Hope to see you there.

TWO NEW STUDY OPPORTUNITIES FOR LADIES



Lori Jo will be hosting and leading a study called Believing God by Beth Moore. Beth Moore is a very popular & dynamic Bible Study teacher. The evening study will consist of viewing the teaching on DVD, discussion and fellowship. The study will begin in October and be held at their home in Eagle Point. Please contact Lori Jo with any questions and to indicate your interest at lorijo.larsen@gmail.com. The study guides need to be ordered soon.

Karen will be leading the same study, Believing God, at her home in Talent. This will be an evening study giving opportunity to ladies who are not involved in the daytime groups. This will also be starting in October. Please let Karen know if you are interested and what evenings are best for you. Contact Karen at jk5larsen@charter.net.

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CHECK OUT THE CHURCH LIBRARY

If you have been enjoying Gene's class Sunday Mornings and would like to dig a little deeper, be sure to check the Church Library. Eleanor and Janice have been working to highlight books they think may be of interest. Instructions for checking out books are on the book table in the foyer and also posted in the Library.... Happy Reading.....

DATE	TOPIC
16 August	"In essentials unity..." and other mottos
23 August	Death of a denominational church—B.W. Stone
30 August	The sacraments and other issues—Thomas Campbell
6 September	Growing in a New Testament Church
13 September	"Christians only..." interchurch relations

Acts, Chapter 4, Puzzle 1

WORD LIST

astonished	note
believe	obey
capstone	plot
captain	power
confer	priest
courage	punish
cripple	question
crucifixion	rage
day	resurrection
dead	salvation
deny	save
disturb	say
grew	see
heaven	Sovereign
Holy	stone
jail	stop
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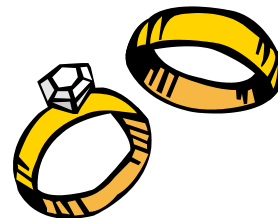
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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 - Jocelyn Jarrell
 5 - Connie Griffith
 6 - Jean Vermillion
 7 - Helen Jane Slack
 25 - Jennifer Dooms
 27 - Heathyr Wing
 29 - Christopher Macauley
 29 - David Smith



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

13 - David and Heathyr Wing
 15 - Hal and Martha Bosworth
 16 - Jim and Karen Larsen
 24 - Brian and Lori Jo Marlia-Larsen

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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<div>6</div> <div>Jean Vermillion, B'day</div>	<div>7</div> <div>7:45 AM Men Alive- Old Farm House Cafe</div> <div>8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group Helen Jane Stock, B'day</div> <div>Ladies Day</div>	<div>8</div> <div>9:30 AM Piece Corps</div> <div>12:00 PM Ladies Lunch Bunch</div>	<div>9</div>	<div>10</div>	<div>11</div>	<div>12</div>
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10:30 AM Discovery Club
10:45 AM Worship

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OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT

Please join us Sat. Sept. 19 for a very special Old Time Movie Night.



The evening's cinematic fun starts with the 1933 entertaining comedy "TILLIE AND GUS" in which card hustlers W.C. Fields and Alison Skipworth come to the aid of their niece who

is being swindled out of everything by a shyster lawyer. This is the comedy that pits W.C. against Baby LeRoy for the first time and features a riverboat race that just might save the day for all concerned. 58 min.

Then comes the night's special attraction. It's a 1946 Technicolor western mixing action, beautiful scenery,

heated love relationships and even Hoagy Carmichael singing "Ole Buttermilk Sky." "CANYON PASSAGE" is the tale of a bold, ambitious general store and freight company owner (Dana Andrews) in the 1856 mining settlement of Jacksonville (!), Oregon. Life in the Oregon Territory is a real challenge, with a murdered miner, an attempted lynching and an Indian war that threatens the lives of every white settler and miner in and around Jacksonville. 92 min.

Don't miss this film. Tell all your friends about this exciting and well made film about frontier life in Oregon, starring Dana Andrews, Brian Donlevy, Susan Hayward and Andy Devine, actually filmed in Oregon!

Of course, expect the usual surprises and extras. Spread the word. Let's break all attendance records with this special Old Time Movie Night!

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

