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ALL ABOARD

I am so jazzed about the future of our congregation! No hype, no pie in the sky. The stuff that you'd look for in an energized church is more and more breaking into view. Prayer. The August prayer retreat was a time of renewed spiritual vitality for me and plenty of others. Our most recent Variety Hour had a holy energy running through it. The August/September emphasis on the church (particularly the Restoration Movement) was very well attended and appreciated. Worship services are increasingly more vibrant and uplifting. New small groups have gotten started. Add to this the joy of baptisms on a regular basis and you have a more God-conscious cohort.

As we regroup after a summer of vacations, getaways and such I'm encouraging you to catch the wave of new life flowing through our church family. As we step into October please join me in some deliberate patterns of behavior.

- > A daily prayer walk with God. Try my colored bead regimen.
- > Consistently gathering with fellow believers for worship and fellowship.
- > Keep in the Word. My goal is to

read a Gospel and another New Testament book every month.

- > Faithfulness in financial stewardship. Most problems we've faced would be resolved by consistency in our giving.
- > Develop and maintain genuine and ongoing relationships with pre-Christian friends.
- > Look for ways that God is at work in our midst and practice whole hearted praise.



We'll soon be producing a new church directory. To make it most accurate and useful we'll need everyone's information updated. I enjoy taking plenty of photos of our folk. Come prepared to have your family photographed one Sunday in October. That alone is a sort of 'getting on board'. If you haven't already filled out a Direc-

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tory Update Form there are extras at the Greeter's Table in the back or you can contact Brad in the church office. Some information will be used in the directory and some is simply for keeping a good record of our folk.

I'll be preaching a series of evangelism/revival sermons in October and November. This will be a great opportunity for all of us to get re-grounded and re-connected with God. It could work well for you to bring inquiring friends during this season of renewal too.

So, friend, let's get back on-board after a little stop at a place called 'Summer 2009'.



All aboard!

ROGUE RIDERS HIT THE ROAD AGAIN

We've been doing this for eight years...trekking around Southern Oregon as far north as Roseburg, down south to Yreka, caravanning to Klamath Falls and going west to the Pacific.

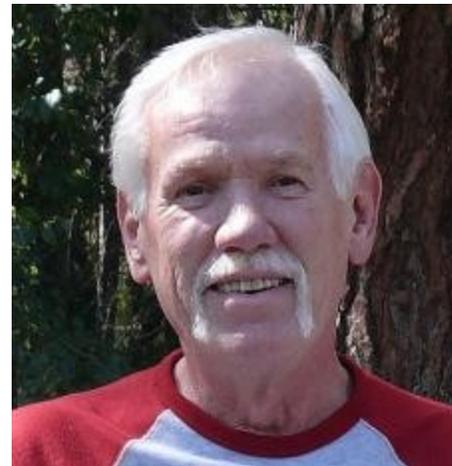
Our last excursion was to the museum at Lake Creek and a stop at the White Doveland Nursery before enjoying our picnic at the Covered Bridge Park.



Watch the bulletins for info on our October trek on October 21st.

DAVE LOCKWOOD BAPTIZED IN THE APPLIGATE RIVER

Dave has been a part of our congregation for about eight years. You know he has served as our treasurer and participated in our Real Men Bible study when his schedule allowed. The other day Dave said that although he had



been baptized he felt the need to refresh his commitment to Christ. So we traveled to Cantrell-Buckley Park on the Applegate and he renewed his pledge to Jesus by taking the holy plunge.

Jim Larsen

39PLUS PRECIOUS MOMENTS

We always start our month at Marie Hoffman's place, 61 N. Mountain Avenue. Games kick off the morning at 10. After some fun competition Jim Larsen leads us in a study from Colossians. Noon time finds us enjoying a potluck built around Marie's main course. New to the church? Hey, here's an opportunity to get acquainted with some mighty fine people. Later in the month we join Rogue Riders for a fun trip. On October 28 39Plus folk fold the monthly newsletter after a bit of Skip Bo, dominoes or a card game. Bring a dish to share for the pot luck lunch. Arrive at 10 to get in on the whole deal.

REAL MEN MEET AT THE OLD FARM HOUSE

It's been going on for year...this Monday morning pow wow. We take our lesson from the Lookout magazine, which always provides plenty of life application questions for discussion. The chow is quite ample and tasty. Friendships have deepened and burdens have been shared. All guys are welcome. First timers can expect a free breakfast if they bring



this ad, a current drivers license and can spell Albuquerque. Mondays...Old Farm House Restaurant...Phoenix (Oregon!)...7:45 a.m.

KLAMATH FALLS FOLK COMING OUR WAY

On October 10 and 11 our Friends of Faith folk will be visiting the Rogue Valley, concluding there weekend by joining us for Worship and being hosted to a steak fry at the Larsen home after church. Here's your chance to meet the people I talk about so often. Jim Larsen



SAINTS ALIVE (AND LAUGHING)

October 3 may have arrived by the time you receive this. The newsletter was mailed on September 30 and Saints Alive is scheduled for just three days later. Saints Alive has been going on for years. Tall tales are told and the internet has brought so many great jokes our way that we spend a good chunk



off our Saturday morning laughing (thanks Mike R, Helen S and Brad F). Here's the idea. Drive on over to the Iron Skillet in Phoenix (Oregon!) at 9 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month and you'll be glad you did. In addition to the fun stuff we saunter through the breakfast buffet or order from the menu. It's all good. Bring a friend. Newcomers always welcome.

NORTHWEST SCHOOLS OF MISSION OCT 11-16

Every year a group of missionaries come to the Rogue Valley with the intent of increasing our awareness of particular mission groups. You'll see the poster in the foyer listing the times and places where we can get in on their presentations. Since we've had our own Mission Conference this year with Sundays devoted to the Marlia-Larsen's trip to Sierra Leone, David Wright representing TCM and Steve Caulley's report on the Bible college in South Africa, we'll not be having one of the visiting missionaries at Second and B. Still we you can consult the bulletin board in the foyer and make a short trip to hear one of the speakers at one of our sister churches in the Valley.

CHURCH AT LOUIE'S BAR...THE WAY JESUS DID IT



I remember the days of doing much of my work in a church office, hidden from the public. No more. Louie's has been my place of sermon preparation for many years now. David Bruce, Brad Fish and I have had so very many opportunities to minister to

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folk right there in the heart of Ashland. A bartender asks us to pray for his girlfriend whose father has passed away. People going through divorce asked us to pray with them for their children. I'm asked to perform a wedding for friends we've met at Louie's while taping our weekly television program there.

So many folk (like a family this week) comment that this is the way Jesus worked, making friends in the highways and byways. The thirty minute television show can be seen on channel 15 any Saturday evening at 5:30 p.m. Pray for me and the other guys as we seek to be all things to all men and women.

Jim Larsen

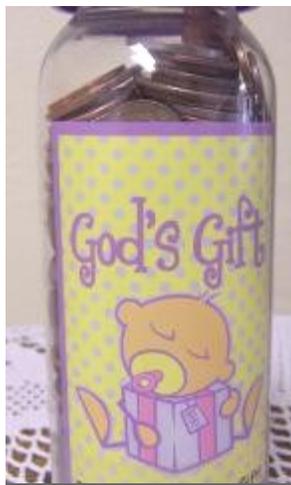
PREGNANCY CENTER "BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG 2009"



Before

When Jim moved his office to the third floor it left his previous office available for the Ashland Pregnancy Center. Our church is delighted to offer this space free of charge. The work that is done at the center is noble and the volunteers are amazing. Of course there are expenses. So we are participating in "Baby Bottle Boomerang 2009". Pick up a baby bottle in the

foyer... take it home and fill it with change (paper \$ are welcome) and return it to the church by October 18th. It's that simple. In terms of financial support, let's make this our best year yet. The funds will help the Pregnancy Resource Center continue their ministry expansion and to serve the women and babies of the Rogue Valley



After

POTLUCK

For years Focus on the Family has encouraged congregations to remember their pastor and his family during October. This is especially fitting here at 2nd and

B since the October time frame happens to be the anniversary of his arrival with our gathering.

Join us on Sunday October 18th for a special Appreciation Celebration for our much loved pastor and his equally loved wife....Jim and Karen Larsen.



Come and be part of the Celebration...the beginning of the Larsen's 10th year helping us fulfill God's purposes in Ashland, Oregon, The Rogue Valley....and the World. WAHOO!



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.

P.S. Autumn Stew, Corn on the Cob, sliced tomatoes, apple crisp... or other early fall standbys are definitely welcome.

PRAYER RETREAT

Some of you recall the great time we spent together at the first prayer retreat. We are pleased to tell you that we have a date set to enjoy another prayer adventure! We will be gathering together starting at around 10am on October 31st (and yes, that is Hal-

loween Saturday) for another session involving use of the prayer beads and Scripture with some open-ended questions attached, all with the goal of assisting you with some focused one on One time with God. Julie Hamilton will be back as the facilitator for this event and plans are being confirmed for our time to take place at the Prospect Hotel. Expect to enjoy time well spent in a relaxing atmosphere with opportunity for a great lunch for those who wish to stay for a meal. Please talk to Jim or Julie if transportation is a concern as we can take the church bus if there are enough people interested. (We expect to be finished with our day and back in Ashland around 4pm.) More details to follow but please be sure to express your interest ASAP so that we have a head count for how many people to expect.

NEW LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Many of you have indicated your interest in the Beth Moore study “Believing God”. Lori Jo will be hosting the study in Eagle Point on Wednesday evenings beginning Oct. 7th. Karen will be hosting the study in Talent on Tuesday evenings beginning Oct. 13th. We are ordering the workbooks. Please contact Lori Jo (lori.jo.larsen@gmail.com) or Karen (jk5larsen@charter.net) with any questions or your intent to attend.

OTHER WOMEN'S STUDIES —LADIES MONDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

The ladies Monday Morning study continues and you are invited!

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

When: 9am-11am every Monday morning.
What Happens:

- > Hot water and instant drinks are always available
- > Settle into the comfy chairs
- > Officially start with prayer
- > Share in the reading and facilitation of the discussion of our current study book (Joyce Meyers’ “Battlefield of the Mind”)
- > Everyone helps lead, facilitate, encourage and finish on time.

Bring your bible and “Come Just as You Are”. Drop ins are Welcome

—LADIES MONDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies Monday Afternoon Bible Study will be resuming at Ruby Balbo’s home, 2833 Alameda in Medford. Their first meeting will be September 14th at 2:00 p.m. They will be using *Life Lessons: Book of Romans* by author Max Lucado. As usual Nyla has secured a number of the books at a cost of \$8.50. If you have any questions please contact Nyla Fenning at 535-3854.

SHOE BOX MINISTRY

It’s not too early to start thinking about Christmas. This year Operation Christmas Child will be collecting shoe boxes for children around the world November 16-23. Gwen has placed a box in the back of the sanctuary where we can start collecting items for the shoe boxes and for stockings for local children.



On **Sunday, November 15th** we will have a dedication ceremony for all the boxes that have been prepared. We will pray for those that will receive each box—that they will be ministered by not only the toy and other gifts, but the Gospel message that is also included with each box.



Pick up a flyer with gift ideas and instructions at the display in the foyer. Call Gwen Jarrell at 482-8326 if you have questions.

CHURCH PAINTING

On Sunday September 27 the Board had a special meeting to make a decision about the condition of some of the exterior paint on the building. The board had previously addressed the need for some long

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overdue maintenance. Mel Metcalf, one of our Trustees had been meeting with contractors to get estimates

Mel Metcalf presented bids received from Two Stiffs Who Need Work and from Corey Robbins Painting Company. They were \$12,600 for painting the entire exterior of the building from Two Stiffs, and two options from Corey Robbins. The Corey Robbins options were \$6,862 for painting the entire exterior of building or \$4,871 for painting just the areas of failed paint and for painting the blue trim.



Gene Stringer moved that we choose the second option from Corey Robbins for \$4,871, with the initial funds to get the project started to be taken from the Wilson Estate. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

The board also looked at the option of waiting until Spring considering our current financial condition. After discussion which included information from the bid that if we waited until spring the cost would considerably more since they were giving us a very generous discount due to the current economy.

Anyone wishing to donate to the painting project can just put "Paint" on their check or offering envelope.

We ask everyone to continue to seek God's plan for support of this ministry and wisdom for the Board as they also seek His will in all that we do.
Bradford Fish



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Jerry Moore
- 3 - Spencer Hayes
- 3 - Adam Christie
- 3 - Thom Phillips
- 4 - Kathy Wing
- 5 - Jazz Hernandez
- 5 - Phil Fullerton
- 8 - Kevin Smith
- 10 - Ava Fish
- 10 - Linda Cornwell
- 17 - Julie Smith
- 21 - Janice Stringer
- 22 - Jon Vellinga
- 24 - Marjorie Russell
- 25 - Benjamin Stringer
- 25 - Billie Hays
- 29 - Lyle Petersen



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 - Jon and Amanda Vellinga
- 16 - Dominic and Juanita Hernandez

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 |
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| <p>4 Kathy Wing, B'day</p> | <p>5 7:45 AM Men Alive-Old Farm House Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Minsday Morning Study Group 2:00 PM Ladies Monday Afternoon Bible Study <i>Jana Hernandez, B'day</i> <i>Paul Pullenon, B'day</i></p> | <p>6 9:30 AM Piece Corps</p> | <p>7 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Marie Hoffman's Home 7:00 PM Ladies Study at Lori Jo's</p> | <p>8 Kevin Smith, B'day</p> | <p>9</p> | <p>10 Ava Fish, B'day Linda Cornwell, B'day</p> |
| <p>11 9:00 AM Ladies Ministry Mtg 12:30 PM Board Meeting</p> | <p>12 7:45 AM Men Alive-Old Farm House Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group 2:00 PM Ladies Monday Afternoon Bible Study <i>Columbus Day (Observance)</i></p> | <p>13 9:30 AM Piece Corps 12:00 PM Ladies Lunch Bunch 7:00 PM Ladies Study at Karen Larsen's</p> | <p>14 7:00 PM Ladies Study at Lori Jo's</p> | <p>15</p> | <p>16 Dominic & Juanita Hernandez Ann</p> | <p>17 6:30 PM Old Time Movie Night Julie Smith, B'day</p> |
| <p>18 12:15 PM Potluck</p> | <p>19 7:45 AM Men Alive-Old Farm House Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group 2:00 PM Ladies Monday Afternoon Bible Study</p> | <p>20 9:30 AM Piece Corps 7:00 PM Ladies Study at Karen Larsen's</p> | <p>21 10:00 AM Rogue Riders 7:00 PM Ladies Study at Lori Jo's <i>Janice Stringer, B'day</i></p> | <p>22 Jon Vellings, B'day</p> | <p>23</p> | <p>24 Marjorie Russell, B'day</p> |
| <p>25 12:30 PM Deaconess Meeting - Volunteer Office <i>Billie Hays, B'day</i> <i>Benjamin Stringer, B'day</i></p> | <p>26 7:45 AM Men Alive-Old Farm House Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group 2:00 PM Ladies Monday Afternoon Bible Study</p> | <p>27 9:30 AM Piece Corps 7:00 PM Ladies Study at Karen Larsen's</p> | <p>28 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Newsletter Folding 7:00 PM Ladies Study at Lori Jo's</p> | <p>29 Lyle Peterson, B'day</p> | <p>30</p> | <p>31</p> |

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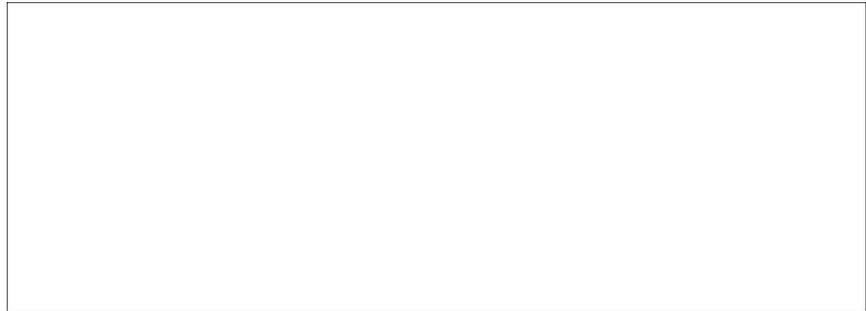
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday Service Schedule

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



Faithful to God, Responsive to People



OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT

Our auditorium was packed for the W.C. Fields and Dana Andrews movies in September. The crowds rave about Mike Royer's selections for this monthly activity. Okay, Mike, what's up for October?

Mark your calendars! **Saturday, October 17** is our "get ready for Halloween" Old Time Movie Night presentation. The evening's fun begins with a spooky and atmospheric mystery, 20th Century Fox's 1941 Charlie Chan "**DEAD MEN TELL**," a suspenseful tale of a treasure hunt for \$60 million in pirate loot, a sea captain's ghost, clever direction and moody camerawork, and of course, the clever deductive work of our favorite "wise" detective.

After a surprise or two and intermission, the highlight of the night is the bizarre first cinematic teaming of Boris Karloff and Bela Lugosi. Universal's

1934 "**THE BLACK CAT**" is the strange tale of the ultimate confrontation of architech/devil-worshiper Karloff and doctor Lugosi and the young honey-mooners caught in the middle of this battle of good and evil. "Polished and bizarre!" Good thing this stuff is all make-believe! Whew!

Please join us, won't you? Hmmm...

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

First movie starts at 6:30 p.m.

